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REPORT.

THE Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, present the thirty-sixth Annual Report.

For the second time in its history, the Athenæum has been called to change its highest officer. At the meeting of the Board next after the annual election in 1870, a note was received from the Honorable William S. Patten, declining a reappointment as President of the Corporation. It is well known to a great part of the shareholders that Mr. Patten has served the Athenæum for many years in different capacities. The period of his active usefulness to this institution began with its very origin in the year 1836. He was then Secretary of the preliminary meeting of organization, and was from the first a member of the most important committees. After being Vice-President for nine years, in which time many of the duties of President fell upon him, he was chosen President of the Corporation in the year 1856, being the immediate successor of the first President, the Honorable John Pitman. He held this office by annual appointment for fourteen years. His remarkably long and faithful services demand special remembrance from the institution to which he gave so much valuable time and wise counsel. In accepting his request to be

relieved from further official duty, the Board desired to express their deep regret, and adopted the following minute.

"The Directors cannot allow the official connection of the Honorable William S. Patten with the Providence Athenæum to terminate, without placing upon record their grateful estimate of his services, and their regret that the time has come when they must cease. No person in this community has given so much time and labor to the promotion of its interests as he. He has been active in all its concerns through the thirty-four years of its existence. On its committees, he has taken an active part in the erection and care of its building, and in the formation of its library; so that whatever the Athenæum is, is owing very much to his counsel and aid. From the beginning a member of the committee on the building and grounds, for thirty-two years a member of the committee on the library, for nine years Vice-President, and for the last fourteen years President, he has been so identified with the administration of the Athenæum as to be entitled to a large share in the honor of its growth and usefulness, and to the cordial thanks of its friends.

"It is for the Directors also to testify what could not be so apparent to the public eye, namely the urbanity and efficiency with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board, his constant and punctual attendance upon its meetings, and his unwearied fidelity in every trust. To have given so many years of thoughtful, energetic service to this institution entitles our late President to select his own time of withdrawal from official duty; and we accede to his desire to be relieved, with pleasing recollections of past intercourse, and with all good wishes for the time to come."

The Board directed that Mr. Patten's letter declining a re-

appointment, and also the minute which we have just quoted, be entered upon their records.

Professor William Gammell was unanimously chosen President of the Corporation for the year; and Mr. Alexander Farnum, Vice-President.

Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was reappointed Librarian; and Mr. W. Whitman Bailey, Assistant Librarian.

The repairs on the building, during the past year, have been important and expensive. A new boiler of increased size has been supplied for the heating apparatus, at a cost, including necessary fittings, of nearly $450, and an iron railing has been put around the boiler-pit at an expense of about $17.

The roof has been covered with tin, and an additional sash, with a sharper pitch, in order to shed water more effectually, has been placed over the old one, which covered the sky-light. These repairs on the roof were made necessary by the frequent leaks which occurred around and through the sky-light, at every rain and melting of snow, and which could not be remedied by temporary expedients. The last roofing, which was "Warren's Felt and Composition Fire and Water-proof Roofing," and was put on in 1857, had lost all its efficiency, particularly near the sky-light, as a protection against water, and these leaks were staining the carpet and ceiling, and rendering the lathes liable to fall, and were threatening serious injury to the books. This roofing replaced the zinc, which was put on at the erection of the building in 1838, and had lasted nearly twenty years, and was then sold for more than enough to pay for its substitute; so that the present outlay is all the expense made upon the roof except for temporary repairs, since the building was completed. It is expected that the thorough repairs now made on the roof, with occasional painting, will last for twenty years. The contract price for

tinning and painting the roof and for the new sashes to the sky-light was $1,175. This amount, which will come out of the income of the next year, will very much lessen the appropriation for the purchase of books; but without this expenditure the books already purchased would not be safe from injury.

Thus, one important question in regard to the care of our building has been, how to keep water out. Another question is, whether to let water in. For purposes of cleanliness, and for the indispensable convenience of attendants, the Directors think it desirable that arrangements be made for pipes to be connected with the street-mains, to admit the water from the Pawtuxet, which is soon to flow beneath our streets. They would call the attention of the stockholders to this subject, and recommend that power be given them to make such arrangements.

The Report of our Treasurer, Mr. Stephen H. Arnold, shows that the receipts for the year were about $130 less than the year before, and the expenditures about $1000 less. The receipts have been,

From dividends, and interest on United States' bonds, - - - - -	$1,708.20
From taxes collected, say, - -	3,080.00
From sale of six new shares, - - -	90.00
From other sources, - - -	85.90
	$4,964.10

Against $5,099.18, reported a year ago.

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals, - -	$1,184.34
For binding, - - - -	236.69
For salaries, - - - - - -	2,475.00
For repairs (mostly in connection with the new boiler,) - - - -	529.81
For other expenses, - - - -	603.04
	$5,028.88

Against $6,072.25, reported a year ago.

The diminution of expenditure has resulted principally from two causes. Early in the previous year the Directors found themselves authorized to place the sum of $1000 at the disposal of the Library Committee for special purchases aside from the usual additions of current literature. This sum was expended in an importation of valuable works from Europe. Secondly, in that year the city tax amounted to almost $400.

The whole number of shares now issued is 646.

A Committee of the Directors has had in charge the subject of the city tax, which the Athenæum paid in the years 1868 and 1869. At the meeting of the Board in March, this committee reported that by the recent change in the statute, the Athenæum, as being an incorporated library, is exempted from taxation for the year 1870, and for the future; but that the suit which had been brought to recover the taxes assessed for the years 1868 and 1869 had not proved successful, the Court holding that the Athenæum was not a public library within the proper construction of the former statute.

The Librarian, at request of the Board, has furnished the following account of the Library:

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Unfortunately for the growth of the library, the amount of funds available for the purchase of books during the past year was much smaller than usual; consequently no orders were sent abroad to obtain books free of duty, and we have been dependent upon the home-market at high prices.

The whole number of volumes added to the library during the year is 585, and of pamphlets, 99. Of these, there were

added by purchase, - - -	388
By gift, - - -	76
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,	121
	585

The additions consist of	folios,	22
- -	quartos,	44
- -	octavos,	262
- -	duodecimos and under,	257
		585

Of pamphlets, 20 were added by purchase, and 79 received by gift.

The character of the additions is certainly not inferior to that of any former year. It has been the intention of the Library Committee to reject as much as possible the light and trashy productions which are issuing in such quantities from the press, and to offer to readers at the Athenæum, literature of a higher character. Of course, it would not do to exclude all books of this kind, for we should then disappoint a large part of our readers, but the proportion of prose fiction and juvenile works added is much less than usual, being less than one-seventh of the whole additions.

The whole number of volumes given out during the year is 22,331.

Of prose-fiction and juvenile books, - 12,864

Of history and biography,	2,779
Of poetry and belles lettres,	1,863
Of art, science and law,	1,273
Of periodicals,	1,165
Of religion and philosophy,	995
Of voyages and travels,	978
Of miscellaneous,	414
	22,331

The greatest number given out in any month was 2,292, in March. The greatest number in any day was 217, on the 25th of February.

It will be noticed that there is a considerable falling off from last year in the number of books issued, the number circulated last year being 22,902. This is undoubtedly the consequence of the curtailment of works of fiction. It would be a very easy matter to increase our issues many hundred, by adding to the library half a dozen copies of a few of the most popular novels. A large proportion of our readers inquire for that class of books only, and are disappointed at not obtaining one of the latest published. Many persons send a messenger for the latest novel, or a list of two or three of the most popular; and if, as is most likely, none of them is in, no other book is taken. But notwithstanding we circulate fewer books, the best interest of the library forbids any increase in this direction.

Our donations, though not very numerous, have been very acceptable. Especially are we indebted to Mr. Holder Borden Bowen, for the gift of a splendid copy of Gillray's Caricatures in two volumes, imperial folio, elegantly bound, with an octavo volume of text, and for the works of Hogarth in imperial folio, similarly bound. He has also presented to the Athenæum a continuation of the Chaucer Society publica-

tions for the year 1870, and several volumes of modern French literature. The thanks of the institution are gratefully tendered to him, and to the following donors of volumes and pamphlets:

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The following serials have been received as gifts :—

The Advocate of Peace, from the Publishers.

The Book-buyer, " " "

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The Brunonian from the Editors.

The Religious Magazine and Monthly Review, from the American Unitarian Association.

Daheim. Ein deutsches Familier blatt mit Illustrationen, and Illustrirte Kriègs-Chronik, from Rev. Carl W. Ernst.

One or two changes have occurred in the reading room. Putnam's Magazine and the Sporting Magazine have died a natural death ; and the Galaxy, a monthly magazine, published in New York, 8vo., the Literary World, a monthly published in Boston, folio, and the Academy, a monthly record of literature science and art, published in London, 4to, have been added to our list of serials.

The Librarian reports that he has, with his assistant, examined the library, and he has furnished to the Directors a list of eleven volumes, missing from the shelves and not accounted for.

A member of the Board has prepared for this Report the following table, which shows, for each one of the last ten years, the increase in the number of books, by purchase and binding, and by gift; the annual expense for books and for all other purposes ; the number of shares issued, and the number of shareholders :—

TABLE.

Number and date of Report.			Increase of Library.			Annual Expenses.			Number of Shares.	Number of Shareholders.
			Books added by purchase &c.	Books given.	Books total.	Expense of Books.	Other Expenses.	Total.		
27.	September,	1862	445	79	524	$1,147 72	$2,955 68	$4,103 40	591	583
28.	"	1863	542	31	573	922 13	2,172 86	3,094 99	594	585
29.	"	1864	503	35	538	1,073 49	2,264 35	3,337 84	594	583
30.	"	1865	814	36	850	2,435 89	2,838 18	5,274 07	598	589
31.	"	1866	742	59	801	1,943 32	2,781 15	4,724 47	605	596
32.	"	1867	827	145	972	2,054 45	2,954 34	5,008 79	613	604
33.	"	1868	486	73	559	1,375 31	3,262 19	4,637 50	622	614
34.	October,	1869	428	47	475	1,142 93	3,802 20	4,945 13	631	624
35.	September,	1870	822	103	925	2,101 19	3,971 06	6,072 25	640	632
36.	"	1871	509	76	585	1,421 03	3,607 85	5,028 88	646	637

At the meeting of the Board in March, 1871, it was suggested by one of the Directors, that it might be advisable to take measures to obtain for our library a set of the British Patent Office Reports. These Reports, showing the inventions which have been brought forward in Great Britain in a series of years, especially if accompanied by a full set of like Reports from the Patent Office of this country, would be very valuable to projectors, and to all who have to deal with improvements in the practical arts of life, in their legal or other relations. The subject was referred to the Library Committee, who gave it very prompt attention. The next day after that meeting of the Directors, inquiries were made at the Boston Public Library, which has the Reports in question. By these inquiries and subsequent correspondence, the information was gained which we can best convey by an extract from the Library Committee's report on that subject.

"A set of British Patent Reports at this date comprises about 2,750 volumes, representing a cost to the British Government of about $13,000; and it increases at the rate of about one hundred and forty a year, costing about $650 for printing and paper. Application for these publications must be made through the proper channels to the British Commissioners of Patents, and if successful, the donee must bear the expense of binding or furnishing suitable cases for the specifications which now number some 74,000, with an annual increase of about 3,500; and must, through some authorized agent, on Monday of each week, attend at the Patent Office Store Department, to receive the volumes and specifications issued in continuation. As nearly as the committee can judge, at least $2,500 in currency would be required at once to meet the conditions of a successful application; while the sum annually required to maintain it would be about $250. This esti-

mate, however, would only place the specifications loosely in cases, an arrangement attended with some inconvenience and considerable risk of damage in the frequent examination to which they would be subjected. For the Boston Public Library, each volume is bound in half-morocco, at a cost of $1 25 and $1 50 for the octavos, and $7 50 for the folios, making an annual outlay of some $600 in gold. To arrange accommodations for so many volumes, about one-half of which are large folios, so that they could be conveniently consulted, would draw largely on the space available for books in this building, would involve considerable expense, and would for their proper care impose much additional labor on our Librarian and his assistant. At the Boston Public Library, a special attendant is employed to care for and assist in consulting these Reports.

"So far as is known, the Congressional Library, the New York State Library, at Albany, the Astor Library, the Philadelphia Library, the Peabody Institute, at Baltimore, the St. Louis Mercantile Library, and the Boston Public Library, are the only institutions in this country thus far favored with sets of these Reports. In his letter granting a set to the St. Louis Library, the English Commissioner states that but very few sets remain."

After a careful comparison of the outlay which would be required with the resources at command of the Athenæum, the committee report, that they "cannot feel justified in advising the adoption of a course which would absorb nearly 15 per cent. of the amount annually available for the purchase of new books, in the procuring of Patent Office Reports. Unless therefore our permanent fund can be increased by an amount sufficient to yield the sum required, or some perpetual annual subscription can be guaranteed, the committee recom-

mend that no effort to obtain the publications in question be made at present."

The Board adopted the closing recommendation of this report. The sum required to procure the set as it now stands, and to provide a fund of which the interest should be applied to its continuance, would, according to the committee's estimates be not less than $6,500; without binding or furnishing cases or other arrangements for safe-keeping and convenient reference. Apart from the question of expense, the prospect of such an influx of volumes would be rather appalling,—unless they contained some patent for the indefinite expansion of granite walls.

This discussion of a proposed plan which would have added to our shelves so large a mass of material, valuable to the public for reference and consultation within this hall, reminds us of the importance of this use of the library. The value of our collections to this community is by no means measured by the number of books issued. The Athenæum is sometimes placed on the same level of consideration as a circulating library. It differs from such a library in essential respects. It is managed, not as a mercantile enterprise, or appendage to the trade, but by gentlemen who give their time to it, for the intellectual benefit of the shareholders, and with a direct view to the public good. The circulating library deals mainly with the literature of the day, books that are talked about, especially novels. The Athenæum aims to represent, and does in a very honorable degree represent, the whole broad field of good English reading, the great classics of our language, and the history, science and literature of past centuries. And, lastly, a most important use of our library, increasing in value as its treasures accumulate, is for reference, within these walls. The

several specialized branches of study have become so numerous, and are at once so distinct and so connected, that the student of any department constantly needs to avail himself of crossing lights from different inlets of knowledge. Hence the Cyclopædia is more than ever a necessity in the student's library; and a Corporation like this should endeavor to furnish for its members a good assortment of Cyclopædias, Lexicons, and other books which are exclusively used for reference. Many special treatises, too, are consulted here, to gain or refresh knowledge for immediate occasions, not read at home for entertainment, as are books taken from the circulating library.

The Board of Directors have been so much impressed with the importance of this last mentioned use of the library, namely for reference as distinguished from circulation, that they have considered the expediency of making a formal announcement that its books are open for this purpose to the public at large. It has been urged that this course would establish a closer relation between the Athenæum and the community, and would enable us with better grace to apply for help, if we were again obliged to ask for subscriptions for any special object, and that it would cost us little, either in increased attendance required, in wear and tear of books, or in inconvenience to the owners. This step would not probably lead to any greatly increased use of our property by other persons; but as it could not easily be retraced if once taken, and would certainly lead to some inconvenience, the Board thought it ought not to be hastily adopted. The proposition was alluded to in the last annual report of the Directors, and was referred to a special committee of the Board. The report of that committee goes over the whole ground so well, and states so clearly the relations, both in theory and actual practice, between this Corporation and the public, that we submit the whole of it as part of our Report.

"The Committee, to whom was referred the question whether any new regulations are required for the purpose of increasing the usefulness of the Athenæum to the general community, present the following as their Report:

The Athenæum is a corporation of shareholders holding and using its property by virtue of its charter of incorporation, and it is also, in a certain and very important sense, a public charity, whose possessions and privileges are of the nature of a trust held for the benefit of the community. The main design undoubtedly is, that this benefit shall be conferred by extending as widely as possible among the people, the ownership of shares. To this end, the number of the shares is without any fixed limit, and it may be indefinitely extended. The price of the shares also, was at the beginning placed at *fifteen dollars*, the annual tax was limited to *five dollars*, and neither of these have been changed, notwithstanding the fact that the property of the institution and especially the literary treasures in its Library, have very greatly increased, while the annual expenses of the administration have more than quadrupled in thirty-five years. During this period it has been the constant aim of the Directors to fulfill as largely as possible the trust reposed in the corporation, by the creation of a library suited to the wants and the tastes of the community and also by extending in all ways in their power, the proprietorship and the use of this library among all orders of the people. The shareholders have increased in number from 290 in 1836 to 640 in 1870, and in the same time, the number of volumes in the library has been enlarged from 5,000 to 32,000.

It may also be confidently claimed that the spirit of the institution has been in all this time pre-eminently liberal and mindful of the intellectual and moral interests of the public. One of its earliest by-laws provided that each shareholder may introduce strangers from abroad, who shall be entitled to the free use of the Athenæum for one month in the consultation of the books of the Library and the periodicals of the Reading Room. Article X of the Regulations of the Library, &c., also provides that 'the Board may on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes of public utility or in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum under such

restrictions and such regulations as they may deem advisable to impose. In addition to this, the successive Librarians of the institution, with the sanction of the Board, have always been accustomed to afford to every person who has asked for it, every facility for obtaining information specially desired for any purpose whatever, and they have still further, in cases where persons making such inquiries were well known, very frequently procured the temporary use of shares from proprietors not at the time using them themselves. It is scarcely possible to point out a mode of conducting the institution which would have rendered it more generally accessible, or more readily available to the whole community. Its privileges have at all times been within the reach of any one who desired to use them for a particular purpose, and in point of fact, they have been enjoyed by very large numbers of the people of Providence, as well as by strangers, who were not reckoned among its shareholders. In no one of the great national Libraries of Europe, whether of Great Britain or the continent, is a readier or freer access afforded to the public ; nor in any one of them do the Regulations permit the books to be taken for use, away from the building where they are deposited.

It seems, however, that the Athenæum is still sometimes spoken of as an exclusive institution which has received its generous benefactions and accumulated its treasures of learning solely for its own proprietors. It is probably wholly impossible to remove such an impression as this from certain classes of minds in which it has been lodged. There will always be those who will complain that the institution is not different from what it is either in its character or its management, whatever these may be. It must however be admitted that many years have elapsed since any special attention has been directed to the liberal arrangements which have always existed here, for the public accommodation ; and it is possible that to very many, these arrangements are wholly unknown. The committee, therefore, unite in recommending that what has so long been the practice of the Athenæum, be formally placed on our Records as a Resolution of this Board, and also that it be submitted to the Corporation in the next Annual Report. To this end they present the following Resolution for the adoption of the Board.

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of Article X. of the Regulations of the Library of the Athenæum, the Librarian is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to grant the privilege of visiting the Reading Room, and also of consulting the books in the Library, to any person not a shareholder, who may solicit it for any purpose of public utility or of special scientific or literary investigation or inquiry, and it shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep a list of the persons to whom this privilege may be granted.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

WILLIAM GAMMELL,
SAMUEL W. PECKHAM,
C. A. NICHOLS."

PROVIDENCE, June 5, 1871.

The resolution recommended in this report was adopted by the Board. It will be perceived that this course does not make any new rule, but only calls distinct attention to an old one. Of course it does not interfere with the custom alluded to by the committee, by virtue of which the librarian, at his discretion, may permit any visitor, as a matter of courtesy, to refer to books for a special purpose, without making a formal record of it. This is a very different thing from keeping a free reading room for public use.

Such is the greatest degree of liberality that is thought to be compatible with safety and economy of administration, and with our duty as trustees of the funds and literary treasures of the Athenæum. Our library numbers more than 32,000 volumes. It has grown up under the careful selection of successive library-committees. Its books have been chosen, neither expressly for the profound study of special technical departments of knowledge, nor mainly for mere amusement. It occupies a middle place between the collections of a college, designed for the more complete equipment of scholars, and

the circulating library. With a good assortment of general literature, it is rich in popular works on theology, and it aims to meet the need of the industries of this community, for such books on chemistry, mechanical science, and the arts of design, as are especially useful in a great manufacturing centre. The institution cannot afford to spend much, year after year, in costly collections of engravings, or in single works of painting and sculpture. But in this important department, we have been favored by generous friends, from time to time, as during the past year, with very valuable gifts. Our reading-room is supplied with the best periodical literature of the day, in the English language. With these advantages, offered to all at so moderate expense, and with the generous principles of management which will continue to guide our officers, the Athenæum will still be, as it has been, one of the chief agents in ensuring for this community a gain in intellectual and æsthetic culture, which shall bear some proportion to its material thrift.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 25, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 26, 1870, - -		$481 69

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold at $15 - - -	$90 00	
For tax assessed September 26, 1870, collected on 615 shares,	3,075 00	
" " " October 2, 1869, " " 1 share,	5 00	
For nine shares sold for taxes, - -	56 50	
For fines collected, - - - -	17 40	
For books sold, - - - -	12 00	
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin, - - - -	1,708 20	
		4,964 10
		$5,445 79

EXPENDITURES.

For books, - - - -	$831 74	
For periodicals, - - - -	352 60	
For binding, - - - -	236 69	
For salaries, - - - - -	2,475 00	
For fuel, - - - -	173 50	
For gas, - - - - -	119 12	
For insurance, - - - -	44 20	
For stationery, - - - -	27 55	
For express, postage and stamps, - -	23 90	
For advertising and printing, - - -	133 00	
For repairs and furniture, - - -	529 81	
For sundries, - - - - -	91 78	
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank, -	406 90	
		$5,445 79

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of—

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	$1,850 00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value, -	3,150 00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s of 1865, and the new issue of 1867, - - -	19,500 00
	$24,500 00

Tax unpaid on eighteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1871.

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REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM present to the shareholders their thirty-seventh annual report.

At the last annual meeting, James Tillinghast, Esq., declined a re-election as Secretary of the Corporation, and Charles P. Robinson, Esq., was chosen in his place. The Directors cannot allow the retirement of Mr. Tillinghast to pass without an acknowledgment of the obligations of the Athenæum to him for his long and faithful service For fourteen years he filled the office of Secretary to the great satisaction of the Board and the benefit of the Corporation, as the neatness and accuracy of the records amply testify.

At the meeting for organization in October, Professor William Gammell was elected President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., Vice-President of the Board. Mr. F. E. Richmond, who was elected a member of the Board, declined to serve, and Mr. Holder Borden Bowen was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was appointed Librarian for the year, and Mr. William Whitman Bailey Assistant Librarian for three months. Mr. Bailey soon afterwards resigned the office, the resignation to take effect on the 1st of November. The question of employing a woman, as Assistant Librarian, had

been somewhat discussed at previous meetings of the Board, and when the vacancy occurred, the time seemed opportune for trying the experiment. Miss Mary M. Angell was accordingly appointed for one month. At the expiration of that period—so satisfactorily were the duties of Asssistant performed—Miss Angell was elected for the remainder of the year. It is only just to say, that the appointment has been attended, in every respect, with the best results, and has been regarded with approbation by all who have had occasion to use the Library during the year. It is almost needless to add, that Mr. Hedge continues to perform the duties of Librarian to the complete and cordial commendation of the Directors.

At the July meeting, it was thought advisable to close the Athenæum for a portion of each day, during the latter part of that month and the whole of the month of August, and a vote to that effect was accordingly passed. The interval of closing was fixed at two hours, from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M. No detriment has come to the Athenæum from the recess, and it has been a relief, of unquestioned benefit, to the Librarian and his Assistant.

The severity of the last winter killed the evergreen shrubs upon the north side of the Athenæum estate. Instead of renewing them, it was deemed best by the Committee on the Building and Grounds to remove a portion of the soil, and bring the grounds to a uniform grade with that of College Street. The work was very thoroughly performed to the manifest improvement of the appearance of the premises.

In making the repairs mentioned in the last Report, an expenditure of $1,175 was incurred. The receipts of the Institution are barely sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses, and to make a fair increase of the number of books in the Library, the Directors were unwilling to allow the Corporation to fall

into debt. They were at the same time desirous of freeing the Library Committee from any embarrassment arising from the want of available funds. Upon an examination of the invested property of the Athenæum, it was thought by the Treasurer, that a change of investment could be advantageously made. A considerable part of the funds was in National Securities, the value of which had considerably appreciated during the term of ownership. By the decline in the price of gold, the income from these securities had been somewhat diminished. The Athenæum was receiving about 5½ per cent. upon the market value of the investment. The subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the President and Messrs. Taft and Nichols, who reported favorably upon a plan of changing the securities, and the President and the Treasurer were charged with carrying it into execution. The registered bonds of the United States, in the possession of the Athenæum amounting to $18,000, were sold in April and May for $20,,770.00; the coupon bonds, amounting to $1500.00, were sold for $1,726,25. The total sum received from the sale was $22,-496.25. This was re invested, (April 17,) to the amount of $10,000, in bonds of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company at a cost $10,200 and accrued interest from January 1st. These bonds pay an annual interest of 7 per cent. The sum of $11,200 was deposited, (May 4,) in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, "on participation" in the profits of that Corporation. The remainder, amounting to $1,096.25, was retained in the Treasury of the Athenæum, to replace a sum taken therefrom for the purchase of the bonds at the time of investment. By this judicious and successful operation, the productive property of the Corporation was increased by the amount of $1,700, an increase of income was secured, the expense of the repairs upon the building was fully met, and all danger of indebtedness was averted.

The Report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts of the year were about $674.57 more than those of the previous year, and the expenditures $761.08 more. The receipts have been,

From amount retained from re-investment,	$1,096.25
From dividends and interest - - -	1,168.42
From taxes, - - - - -	3,205.00
From sale of seven new shares, - -	105.00
From other sources, - - - -	64.00
	$5,638.67

Against $4,964.10, reported at the last annual meeting.

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals, - -	$1,090.92
For binding, - - - - -	244.57
For salaries, - - - - -	2,500.00
For repairs, (building and grounds,) -	1,344.62
For other expenses, - - - -	609.85
	$5,789.96

Against $5,028.88, as reported a year ago.

The Librarian makes the following statement of the condition of the Library :

For the nineteenth time it becomes the Librarian's duty to render an account of the progress and condition of the Library.

During the past year there have been added to the Library 586 volumes and 148 pamphlets. Of the volumes, there were

added by purchase, - - -	356
By gift, - - -	108
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets, -	122
	586

Of the pamphlets, 13 were given, and 18 bought.

The volumes may be classified as follows:—

Folios,	22
Quartos,	51
Octavos,	332
Duodecimos *et infra*,	181
	586

Looking over the Reports of former years, your Librarian finds that there were added in the year ending August 31, 1857, 1562 volumes; in the years ending August 1859 and 1860 the additions were respectively 1,400 and 1,064. At first sight of this statement one might suppose that the Athenæum was making but slow progress. But it must be remembered that the value of a library does not depend upon the number of its volumes so much as in the character of them. It must also be borne in mind that the time has gone by when good books could be bought at an average of little more than one dollar per volume. Moreover, it was the custom, in former times, to buy several copies of popular works of light reading, emphatically cheap books. It is seldom, now, that more than a single copy is procured of a novel or juvenile book. It is not necessary to mention specially the more important works purchased, as a list of additions is appended to this Report, and among them will be found many valuable works, particularly in the departments of the Fine Arts and the Sciences.

The accessions to the library from gifts have been more numerous than usual, and some of them of great value. Mr. Holder Borden Bowen, who has heretofore given largely to the Athenæum, has this year presented to the library "*Le Case ed i Monumenti di Pompei disegnati e descritti*" dai Fratelli Niccolini. This magnificent work on the ancient remains of this

unfortunate city was begun in 1854, and is still publishing, at great cost in Naples. It is to be completed in sixty parts, imperial folio. Forty-six of these have been received and the remainder will be forwarded as soon as published. From Mr. Bowen we have also received Strype's "Ecclesiastical Memorials," a fine copy in large paper, in seven volumes, roy. 8vo, and the "Chaucer Society Publications" for 1871 and 1872. Mr. Charles A. Nichols, Mr. John Peirce and Mr. Henry T. Beckwith have also been liberal contributors to the Athenæum. We are now receiving, weekly, the "Official Gazette," of the United States Patent Office, a publication of especial interest to this manufacturing community. Donations have also been received from the persons and associations enumerated below, to whom the thanks of this institution are herewith tendered.

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The number of volumes given out during the year is 21,502, classified as following.

Of prose fiction and juvenile books,	11,589
Of history and biography,	2,780
Of poetry and belles lettres,	1,911
Of art, science, law and medicine,	1,303
Of periodicals,	1,370
Of voyages and travels,	1,069
Of religion and philosophy,	1,031
Of miscellaneous literature,	449
	21,502

By comparing this table with that of last year, it will be seen that there is an increase in the number of volumes issued in every branch of literature but that first named. In this, the falling off is very large. This is owing in part to a shorter supply of this class of books, but largely to another and unexpected cause. The delivery of books on Saturday, particularly in the afternoon, is generally twice that of any other day in

the week. Last winter, the falling off of visitors on this day, being more than one-half, seriously diminished our circulation, and this, on inquiry, was found to be owing to the matinées occurring on this day, at the new Opera house. But while there has been a falling off in the number of books given out, there has been a great increase in the number of volumes called for, for consultation, by non-shareholders, in consequence, it is to be supposed, of a better understanding by the public of the liberal spirit in which this institution is conducted.

Seven new shares have been sold during the year, making the whole number, at present, six hundred and fifty-three. Fifty shares were not used.

The Librarian, with his Assistant, has examined the library, and finds six volumes missing and not accounted for, but none of them of much value.

The additions made to the Library during the year, though not so numerous as usual, owing to the small amount available for purchase, are yet believed to have been generally of a high character. Restricted as the Library Committee have been in their purchases, it is still believed that they have been careful and judicious in their selections. While they have endeavored to keep within the line of a proper economy, they have been mindful of their obligations to increase the value of the Library by adding to it books of permanent interest. Every department of literature has received its due attention, so far as the limited income of the Athenæum has permitted. It is a matter of no little importance to select books for classes of readers whose tastes are widely dissimilar, ranging from the lighter themes of fiction to the grave discussions of history, philology and science. Nor is it a matter of slight responsibility to determine what shall be the character of the books that will fall into the hands of the young, those of immature mind and narrow experience, and those whose habits of study,

conduct and life are still in process of formation. The beneficial influence of good literature upon the manners and morals of a people is not to be overstated. Our community owes too much to its agencies for popular education—its schools and libraries—ever to be forgetful of their claims to the public regard. They who have the direction of any institution of this kind cannot be too mindful of the public interest, or too faithful in the discharge of their trust. The Athenæum has been the recipient of a liberal support, during the term of its existence, and has thus been enabled to become an efficient auxiliary in the work of public improvement. A greater liberality will, of course, add to its efficiency. Every year makes its work larger and more effective, as every year gives it wider opportunities for usefulness. To the public judgment the Directors must leave the estimate of their services, in their endeavors to promote the public welfare.

The Librarian has spoken, in his report, with deserved commendation of the liberal spirit which has been shown by the donors to the Library. The beautiful and costly gift of Mr. Bowen is an additional instance of the generous interest he feels in the prosperity of the Athenæum. The Directors would express their profound gratitude for this and other donations made by liberal friends of the Institution. Such gifts have a two-fold influence and value. It must be a genuine satisfaction to have the means and disposition to make them. And there can be no question of the influence which is exercised by a good book, a fine painting, or a noble sculpture, placed in a library like this, in contributing to the improvement of the community in all the arts, and in the true happiness, of life. The opportunity, thus given, for a wise liberality to reach and affect large numbers of persons for their lasting benefit, needs but to be suggested. The Directors are confident that each succeeding year of the history of the Athenæum

will furnish new evidence of the kindness and generosity of its friends.

The Directors have observed, with growing interest and satisfaction, the progress which has been made toward the establishment of a free public library in Providence. The Athenæum, it is true, has its own peculiar function and place, and no portion of its property can justly be diverted from the objects contemplated by its founders and benefactors. But its officers can look with no feeling, but that of gratification, upon any effort to increase the circulation of good reading among our growing population. It has done and it is faithfully doing its part in the encouragement and promotion of a taste for the best literature of our day. Without the previous training of the public mind, of which it has, in this respect, been chiefly instrumental, a free public library would neither be necessary, nor even possible; for the public would hardly consent to be taxed for the support of an institution of which there was no conscious need. A community must learn to love good books before it recognizes the imperative character of the demand for them. Fortunately, a taste like this grows by what it feeds upon. The passion for reading thrives by its gratification. Meanwhile, a free Library—in the sense entertained by its projectors—would return a benefit to the Athenæum, in bringing to its alcoves a larger number of thoughtful readers and diligent students. Each institution would render to the other an effective aid in the attainment of the end which both, and, indeed, all kindred institutions, should ever keep in view—the enlargement of the public intelligence and the elevation of the public taste.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

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SEPTEMBER, 23, 1872,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 25, 1871, - -		$406 90

RECEIPTS.

For seven new shares sold at $15, - -	$105 00	
For tax assessed September 25, 1871, collected on 630 shares,	3,150 00	
" " " " 26, 1870, " " 11 "	55 00	
For four shares sold for taxes, - - -	25 50	
For fines collected, - - - -	18 50	
For books sold, - - - -	20 00	
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin, - - -	1,168 42	
For amount realized from sale of $19,500 U. S. Bonds,	22,496 25	
		27,038 67
		$27,445 57

EXPENDITURES.

For books, - - - -	$724 10	
For periodicals, - - - -	366 82	
For binding, - - - -	244 57	
For salaries, - - - - -	2,500 00	
For fuel, - - - -	181 46	
For gas and oil, - - - -	126 80	
For insurance, - - - -	34 50	
For stationery, - - - -	26 74	
For express and postage, - - -	21 00	
For advertising and printing, - - -	128 00	
For repairs and furniture, - - -	1,368 94	
For sundries, - - - - -	67 03	
		5,789 96
For ten Delaware & Hudson Canal Registered seven per cent. Bonds, interest payable in January and July, $10,000 at 102, - - -	10,200 00	
For amount on participation in R. I. Hos. Life & Trust Co,	11,200 00	
For balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank,	255 61	
		21,655 61
		$27,445 57

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value,	$1,850 00
63 " " " American National Bank, par value, -	3,150 00
10 Delaware and Hudson Registered Bonds, " " -	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in the R.I. Hospital Life & Trust Co.	11,200 00
	$26,200 00

Tax unpaid on sixteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September, 23, 1872.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1872.

	Share No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.,	349
Adams George J.	619
Adams John	652
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Crawford*	6
Allen Philip*	9
Allen Philip	256
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel.*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell John W.	287
Anthony Henry	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Appleton John H.	120
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frederick W.	200
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold S. Augustus	584
Arnold Samuel G.	58

	Share, No.
Arnold Stephen (S. C.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome	142
Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Arnold William S.	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M. Jr.	149
Baker George	226
Balch John R.	339
Balch Joseph*	205
Balch Joseph P.	419
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou David	48
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Bancroft T. Whiting	210
Barker Frederic A.	520
Barrett William E.	379
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Becker Alexander R.	13
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Truman	19
Belden Stanton (N Providence)	392
Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Beverly A. E. G.	342
Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Binney William	558

*Deceased.

Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Joseph M.	530
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Blodget William P.	387
Boon Charles E.	267
Borden Holder.* (Fall River)	288
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Tully D.*	130
Bradford Joseph	250
Bradford S. Standish	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown Isaac	245
Brown John Carter	77
Brown Joseph R.	480
Brown Moses.*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
Brown Street Baptist Society	574
Brown Thomas	212
Brown William*	324
Brown William Waterman	219
Brown William Whipple	466
Browne George H.	585
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Stephen	410
Bucklin Catharine A.	601
Bucklin James C.	373
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Benjamin	52
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock Samuel B.	426
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Burgess Frederick	76
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Carnoe William M.	635
Carpenter Earl*	486
Carpenter George M.	374
Carpenter Lydia	592
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
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Caswell Edward T.	184
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Chace Lewis J.	527
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Child Charles T.	578
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Peckham Frank B.	309
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Peckham Samuel W.	135
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Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Peirce John	413
Peirce Kate L.	170
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Perry Herbert L.	247
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Porter Emery M.	80
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Potter William H.	139
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Ripley James M.	28
Rivers Mary	531
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Rogers Joseph	301
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Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Adnah*	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi	575
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636	owners of one share each		636
6	"	two shares each	12
1	"	five shares	5
643			653

LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DURING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1871—AUGUST 31, 1872.

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1. ABBOTT, J. S. C. History of Louis Philippe, N. Y., 1871. 16°
2. ADLARD, G. Amye Robsart and the earl of Leycester; a critical inquiry into the authenticity of the various statements in relation to the death of A. R., and of the libels on the earl, and a history of Kenilworth castle, together with memoirs and correspondence of Sir Robert Dudley, son of the earl of Leycester. Lond., 1870. 8°.
3. AGNEW, D. C. A. Protestant exiles from France in the reign of Louis XIV 2d ed. Lond., 1871. 2 vols. 4°.
4. ALABASTER, H. The wheel of the law. Buddhism illustrated from Siamese sources. A life of Buddha, and an account of the Phrabat. Lond., 1871. 8°
5. ALCOTT, L. M. Aunt Jo's scrap-bag. Bost., 1872 16°,
6. —— Morning glories and other stories. N. Y. 1871. 16°.
7. ALLEN, S. M Miles Standish, with an account of the exercises of consecration of the monument ground on Captain's hill, Duxbury, Aug. 17, 1871. Bost., 1871. 8°.
8. AMERICAN ophthalmological society. Transactions. Seventh and eighth annual meetings. Newport, July, 1870, 1871. N. Y., 8°.
9. AMERICAN unitarian association. Christianity and modern thought. [Ten discourses delivered by unitarian clergymen in Boston, 1871-'2.] Bost., 1872. 12°
10. ANGELL, A. F. Genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Angell, who settled in Providence, 1636 Providence, 1872. 8°.
11. ARCHER, E. M. Christina North. N. Y., 1872. 8°.
12. AUER A. von. It is the fashion. From the German. Phila., 1872. 12°.
13. AUERSPERG, A. A., *Graf* von. The last knight. From the German of Anastasius Grün, [*pseud.*] with notes by J. O. Sargent. N. Y., 1871, sm. 4°.

1. AUGUSTINE, A., *bp. of Hippo.* The works. A new translation. Ed. by M. Dods. Vols. 1. 2. The city of God. Edinburgh, 1871. 8°.

2. BAIRD, S. F., *editor.* Annual record of science and industry for 1871. N. Y., 1872. 12°.
3. BALL, R. S. Experimental mechanics. Lectures del. at the Royal college of science for Ireland. With illustrations. Lond., 1871. 8°.
4. BARING-GOULD, S. Legends of Old Testament characters from the Talmud and other sources. Lond., 1871. 16°.
5. BARKER, T. C. Aryan civilization; its religious origin and its progress. Lond., 1871. 16°
6. BARTHOLOW, R. Bromides, their physiological effects and therapeutical uses. Fiske fund prize dissertation, June 9, 1869. Providence, 1871. 8°.
7. BARTOL, C. A. Radical problems. Bost., 1872. 16°.
8. BAUDREAUX, F. I. The happiness of heaven. 2d. ed., Baltimore, 1871. 16°.
9. BEAL, S. A catena of Buddhist scriptures from the Chinese. Lond. 1871. 8°.
10. BEECHER, H. W. The life of Jesus, the Christ. N. Y., 1871. 8°.
11. ——— Yale lectures on preaching. N. Y., 1872. 16°.
12. BENSON, *Captain* L., *editor.* The book of remarkable trials and notorious characters. 1700—1840. Lond., s. a. sm. 8°.
13. BESANT, W. and E. H. Palmer. Jerusalem, the city of Herod and Saladin. Lond., 1871. sm. 8°.
14. BETHAM-EDWARDS, M. de. The Sylvestres; or the outcasts. Phila. 1872. 8°.
15. BIBLE, *English.* The Holy Bible, according to the authorized version, with an explanatory and critical commentary by bishops and other clergy of the Anglican church. Ed. by F. C. Cook. N. Y., 1871. Vol. 1. Genesis—Deuteronomy. 8°.
16. BLACK, W. A daughter of Heth. N. Y., 1871. 8°.
17. BLACKIE, J. S. Four phases of morals: Socrates, Aristotle, christianity, utilitarianism. Edinburgh, 1871, 16°.
18. BOROMINO, F. Opera. La chiesa, e fabrica della Sapienza di Roma. Roma, 1720, imp. fo.
19. BROOKE, S. A. Christ in modern life. Sermons. N. Y., 1872, 16°,
20. BROOKS, J. A seven month's run : around the world. N. Y., 1872. 12°.
21. BROUGHAM, H., *lord.* Albert Lunel, a novel. N. Y. 1872., 8°.
22. BROUGHTON, R. "Good-bye sweetheart." N. Y., 1872. 12°.
23. ——— The same. N. Y, 1872. 8°.
24. BROWNE, W., *of Tavistock.* The whole works. Now first collected and ed. with a memoir of the poet, by W. Carew Hazlitt. Lond., 1868-'9. 2 vols. 4°.
25. BROWNING, R. Fifine at the fair, and other poems. Bost., 1872. 16°.
26. BRULLIOT, F. Dictionnaire des monogrammes: marques figurées, lettres initiales, noms abrégés, etc., avec lesquels les peintres, dessinateurs, graveurs et sculpteurs ont désigné leurs noms Nouv. éd. Munich, 1832-3, 2 tom. 4°,
27. BUILDER, The. An illustrated weekly magazine for the architect, [etc.] Conducted by George Goodwin. Lond, 1868-1871 Vols. 26-29, fo. (*Continued*).

1. BURNETT, G. Specimens of English prose writers to the close of the 17th century, with sketches, biographical and literary. Lond., 1807 3 vols. 8°.
2. BURRITT, E. H. The geography of the heavens and class book of astronomy, accompanied by a celestial atlas. Revised by H. Mattison, N. Y., [1866]. 12°.
3. BUTLER, S. The genuine poetical remains, with notes by R. Thyer. With a selection from the author's Characters in prose, Lond., 1827. 8°.
4. BUTLER, W. The land of the Veda; with incidents of the great Sepoy rebellion and its results. Map and 42 illustrations. N. Y., 1872. 8°.

5, CALVERLEY, C. S. Fly leaves. N. Y., 1872 16°.
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1873.

THIRTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

SEPTEMBER 22, 1873.

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REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM respectfully submit their thirty-eighth annual report to the shareholders:

The organization of the corporation for the past year was completed at the first meeting of the Directors by the unanimous re-election of Mr. William Gammell as President, and Mr. Alexander Farnum as Vice-President. At the same time Mr. J. D. Hedge was re-appointed Librarian, and Miss Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian. The regular standing committees of the Board were also appointed.

The duties of the Librarian and of the Assistant Librarian have been performed during the year to the entire satisfaction of the Directors. The care of a library comprising 33,000 volumes, and used as ours is, both as a circulating library and for purposes of reference, involves no small degree of labor and responsibility. In view of the fact that the books in our alcoves are accessible to all visitors for examination and consultation, differing in this respect from most public libraries, the small loss and injury which our library has sustained furnish good evidence of the fidelity of those having it in charge.

At the January meeting of the Board, the Library Committee were authorized to deposit such sum as they should deem proper with some responsible book agent in London, to

be used by the Committee in the purchase of such books as they might order. In the course of the correspondence which ensued upon this subject between the Librarian, on behalf of the Committee and a prominent bookseller in London, it was frankly stated by the latter that new English publications could be purchased much cheaper in New York than a regular dealer in London could buy them there. The authority given to the Committee has not been exercised.

The Committee on the Building and Grounds were authorized last June to cause Pawtuxet water to be brought into the Athenæum building, but this has not as yet been done. The necessity of a supply of pure water for the boiler as well as for other purposes will doubtless lead to its immediate introduction.

The annual statement of the Librarian to the Directors, shows that the number of volumes added to the library during the past year is six hundred and eighty-six, and of pamphlets one hundred and thirty-five. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase, - - - -	385
By gift, - - - -	182
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets, -	119
	686

The additions consist of folios, - -	28
Quartos, - - - -	35
Octavos, - - - -	373
Duodecimos *et infra*, - - -	250
	686

Of the pamphlets 25 were purchased and 110 given. The average cost of the books bought is $2.08 per volume, and the

character of them is fully equal to that of those added in any former year. The departments of Science and of the Fine Arts especially, have received many valuable additions. The whole number of volumes in the library reckoning by the annual accessions, is 33,823. But as many volumes are every year worn out and some lost, it is not probable that there are more than 33,000 volumes on the shelves at the present time.

Among the gifts received, special mention should be made of a fine set of "American State papers, second series, from 1822 to 1859 inclusive," in seventeen volumes folio, from Hon. John R. Bartlett. From Hon. Henry B. Anthony the Athenæum has received over fifty volumes of valuable Congressional documents. Hon. Benjamin T. Eames has given to the library the "Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, 1861—1865." Part 1st. Vols. 1 and 2, 4to., one of the most costly and valuable documents published by Congress. Dr. Charles W. Parsons has added to our collection of illustrated works the "Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalaya," by Joseph Dalton Hooker, London, 1849, imp. folio.

The thanks of the institution are gratefully tendered to the above named gentlemen and to the following persons and societies for their gifts:

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Young Men's Mercantile Library of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The whole number of volumes issued during the year is 22,852, a considerable increase over last year, viz:

Of prose fiction and juvenile books, -	12,160
Of history and biography, - - -	2,992
Of poetry and belles lettres, - -	2,026
Of art, science, law and medicine, - -	1,548
Of periodicals, - - -	1,360
Of voyages and travels, - - -	1,169
Of religion, philosophy, and education,	1,019
Of miscellaneous, - - -	578
	22,852

The number of shares extant at the rendering of the last report was 653. Fifty of these have not been used during the past year. Only four new shares have been sold, but a great many have changed hands, as an unusual number of our shareholders have removed from the city, and not less than fourteen have died within the year. The library has been carefully examined by the librarian and his assistant, and twelve volumes are found missing from the shelves and not accounted for; all of them from the department of Fiction and Juvenile books.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts of the year have been 5,611.38, from the following sources:

From new shares sold, - - -	60.00
From taxes, - - - - -	3,340.00
From dividends and interest, - -	1,884.00
From Mrs. Anna Richmond for the fountain,	300.00
From other sources, - - -	27.38
	$5,611.38

The expenditures have been

For purchase of books and periodicals, -	1,201.20
For binding, - - -	192.82
For salaries, - - - -	2,537.50
For other expenses, - - -	658.07
	$4,589.59
Balance of receipts over expenditures, -	1,021.79

Book cases have been erected in the east room of the basement for the better preservation of the newspapers belonging to the institution.

One of the most interesting events in the history of the Athenæum has been the erection of a mural granite drinking fountain on its grounds in front of the main entrance to the building.

At the first meeting of the Directors, after their election, it was stated by Mr. Royal C. Taft,—one of their number,—that a friend of the Athenæum was disposed to make a donation to it of a drinking fountain, should the idea be favorably entertained by the institution. The suggestion was cordially received by the Board, and the subject was referred to the Committee on the Building and Grounds. At the next meeting of the Directors in November, they formally expressed their approval of the undertaking, and in February following, Mr. Taft, who had been appointed a committee to confer with its author, presented plans of the proposed fountain, which were approved and adopted, and resolutions were passed recomending them to the shareholders for their final acceptance and directing a call for a special meeting of the Corporation to act upon the subject.

The shareholders at their meeting thus called, on the 12th day of February, authorized the Directors to accept the offer made to them, and at the meeting of the Board in March, a communication was received from the Water Commissioners of the city stating that they had adopted the proposed fountain as one of the thirty drinking fountains, to be supplied with Pawtuxet water directed by the city council to be erected for public use, provided that the arrangements for its use should be approved by the Chief Engineer.

At the regular meeting of the Directors in the present month, a communication was received from Mr. F. E. Richmond, of this city, announcing the fact of the completion of the fountain, and disclosing the name of its generous giver,

and also communicating her offer of a sum of money, the income of which should be devoted to keeping it in good condition.

Thereupon the Board adopted the following resolution:—

"*Whereas*, The proposal which was made to the shareholders of "the Athenæum in February last, by a friend of the Institution, "whose name at the time was not given, to erect a drinking "fountain within the Athenæum enclosure, has been carried into "full execution since the last meeting of the Board, it is therefore

"*Resolved*, That the Directors take great pleasure in now pla- "cing upon their records the name of Mrs. ANNA RICHMOND, as "the author of the proposal which has been so tastefully and "successfully executed, and that they hereby on behalf of the "shareholders, express to Mrs. Richmond their grateful apprecia- "tion of the generous liberality which has prompted her to bestow "upon the Athenæum this costly and gratifying benefaction, not "only for the adornment of these grounds, but also for the re- "freshment and comfort of the community.

"And the Directors have also to acknowledge the additional "offer of Mrs. Richmond to give the sum of three hundred dol- "lars, as a fund for keeping the fountain in good condition, "which offer they hereby gratefully accept for the purpose for "which it has been made."

A copy of the foregoing resolution was directed to be transmitted by the Secretary to Mrs. Richmond.

The fountain is built of finely cut Concord and Quincy granite, from designs by Messrs. Ware and Van Brunt, architects, of Boston, and is erected on the line of the street, a proper grade of the bank having been made. The design is Gothic, and consists of the wall for retaining the bank, and a drinking basin carved in the face of the wall. The extreme dimensions of the front of the fountain are ten feet nine inches wide and ten feet and eight inches high, and it is finished on the top with a flat pediment surmounting a richly moulded

arch supported on four columns—the shafts of which are polished Quincy granite, and the base and foliated capitals of white Concord granite. The face of the pediment is chastely decorated with leaves carved in *bas relief* covering nearly the whole surface of the wall. The recess formed by the mouldings of the arch is also decorated with carvings, and in it is set the upper drinking basin of shell pattern carved in granite, with the appropriate invitation carved in antique letters, "COME HITHER EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH." The water flows from a concealed pipe into this basin and overflows at three points in as many small thread-like streams into a large and heavily moulded basin sitting on the level of the sidewalk, and from the basin the water overflows into the drain below.

Some of the reports of the Directors of this Institution have, after calling the attention of the shareholders to the treasures which have been for so many years accumulating within its walls, urged upon them the importance of enlarging its means of usefulness and extending its field of influence. Special plans have been, from time to time, suggested for increasing the number of its shareholders as well as for otherwise adding to its resources. These exertions in its behalf have, doubtless, been prompted partly by a belief that its growth was not commensurate with that of the wealth or population of our city, and partly from a fear that without special efforts the institution would lose ground. We do not share either in the belief or in the apprehension. A chief purpose for which the Athenæum is established is that it may be a repository of valuable books to which the artist, and the artisan, the professional man,—indeed, all who have need of books may refer for instruction or entertainment. This purpose, we submit, is best achieved in the purchase of books by a regard to their character rather

than to their number, and in such amanagement of the affairs of the institution, as to deserve the confidence of the community in which it exists. A love of learning cannot be forced, and even if it could, it is doubtful if the forcing process would produce a hardier growth in the fields of science and literature, than it does in those of the more material world. In this spirit of sure if not rapid progress the Athenæum has, during the the past year kept the even tenor of its way, striking out into no new paths but content to pursue the course to which it has heretofore been indebted for its prosperity.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 22, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 23d, 1872, - -		$255 61

RECEIPTS.

For four new shares sold at $15, . - -	$60 00	
For tax assessed Sept. 23, 1872, collected on 643 shares,	3,215 00	
" " " " 25, 1871, " " 18 "	90 00	
For tax received on seven shares rented, - -	35 00	
For fines collected, - - - -	10 20	
For dividends and interest on invested funds, - -	1,884 00	
For sale of old carpet and book cases, - -	17 18	
For amount from Mrs. Anna Richmond, for keeping Drinking Fountain in permanent repair, -	300 00	
		5,611 38
		$5,866 99

EXPENDITURES.

For books, - - -	840 67		
For periodicals, - - - .	360 53		
For binding, - - - -	192 82		
For stationery, - - -	38 79		
For salaries, - - - -	2,537 50		
For fuel, - - - -	185 30		
For gas, - - - -	122 05		
For express and postage, - -	25 70		
For advertising and printing, - -	147 40		
For repairs and furniture, - -	45 26		
For insurance - - - -	59 10		
For sundries, - - -	34 47		
		$4,589 59	
For balances this day in R. I. Hospital Trust Co. and Manufacturers National Bank,		1,277 40	$5,866 99

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of

74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value, - - - -	$1,850 00
63 shares in the American National Bank, par value,	3,150 00
10 Delaware and Hudson Canal Registered Bonds,	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in the R. I. Hospital Trust Co.,	11,200 00
	$26,200 00

Tax unpaid on ten shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 22, 1873.

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REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1873.

	Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349
Adams George J.	619
Adams John	652
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Crawford*	6
Allen Philip*	9
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell John W.	287
Anthony Henry	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Appleton John H.	120
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold S. Augustus	584
Arnold Samuel G.	58
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome	142
Arnold William R., 2d.	217
Arnold William S.	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Wiliam M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Baker George	226
Balch John R.	339
Balch Joseph*	205
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou David	48
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Bancroft T. Whiting	210
Barker Frederic A.	520
Barrett William E.	379
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Becker Alexander R.	13
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Truman	19
Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
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Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Beverly George	342
Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Binney William	558
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647

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Borden Jefferson (Fall River) 143
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1874.

THIRTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

SEPTEMBER 28, 1874.

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REPORT.

In submitting their annual report, in compliance with the constitution, the Directors cannot refrain from congratulating the stockholders upon the steady and continuous, if not rapid, growth of the institution. Eight and thirty years ago the Athenæum was formed by the combination of two weak and languishing public libraries. The first annual report of the Directors in 1837 showed that, at that time, the whole number of volumes belonging to the corporation was 4,162, that the total number of shareholders was 293, and that the library was accessible to the proprietors for two hours only each day, though a reading room, supplied with periodicals, was open in the evening. From such inconsiderable beginnings did our present thriving and vigorous institution spring.

Encouraging as has been the past growth of the Athenæum, it cannot but be a matter of regret that in the richest city for its size in the Union, with a population of a hundred thousand inhabitants, only six hundred and fifty-three persons care to avail themselves of the privilege of becoming shareholders, for though not technically an absolutely free public library, yet the cost of a share is so moderate, and the annual tax is so

light, compared with other institutions of a kindred character, that few persons, having a taste for books, would be deterred from owning shares for pecuniary reasons.

The Board organized at the beginning of the past year by the re-election of Professor William Gammell as President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., as Vice-President. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was appointed Librarian, and Miss Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian.

In April last Mr. Hedge completed twenty years of continuous service in his present position. Though a score of re-elections is the most significant mark of appreciation of the Librarian, still, upon his rounding up so full a measure of official connection with the institution, we desire to add our testimony to that of numerous Boards of Directors that have preceded us, to the fidelity, ability and courtesy, with which he has discharged his duties; and we earnestly hope that his life may be spared for many years to come, and that the relations now so pleasantly existing, may long continue.

The library has been closed the past year for two hours each day, from one to three, throughout the months of July and August, as during the preceding two years; a measure that has afforded great relief to the Librarians, and, it is believed, has resulted in no detriment to the institution.

The Directors were authorized at a previous annual meeting to introduce Pawtuxet water into the library building, but it has not yet been done. Upon the introduction of water a drain pipe must be laid, and as such a pipe cannot be laid without great and unnecessary expense, until the new sewer on Benefit street, about to be constructed, shall have been completed, the Board deemed it the part of wisdom and economy to make no move in the matter, until they could push it to a rapid and satisfactory conclusion. Undoubtedly before the next return

of the annual meeting, the long needed convenience of water will have been attained.

The Directors gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of five hundred dollars under the will of the late Miss Lydia Carpenter, of Pawtucket, which sum has been added to the permanent investments of the corporation. It is with pleasure that the announcement of so substantial a mark of interest in the Athenæum is made, for generous as have been numerous friends in the past, yet it has often occasioned surprise that more of our wealthy and liberal citizens have not embraced the opportunity of assisting an institution, that could not fail to shed an elevating and refining influence over our city for all time to come.

From the Treasurer's report for the past year, we obtain the following figures:

RECEIPTS.

From six new shares sold,	$90.00
From taxes,	3,130.00
From dividends and interest,	1,916.66
From bequest of Miss Lydia Carpenter,	500.00
From other sources,	307.92
Total,	$5,944.58

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries,	$2,587.50
For books and periodicals,	1,378.60
For addition to permanent fund,	800.00
For other purposes,	1,004.96
Total,	$5,771.06

The Librarian has furnished us with the following statement, viz. :—

The Librarian reports that the number of volumes added to the library during the past year is eight hundred and eighty-five; of pamphlets three hundred and eighteen; of maps, three; and of broadsides, ten. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase, - - - -	644
By gift, - - -	106
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets - -	135
	885

Distributed according to sizes the additions consist of

Folios, - - - -	28
Quartos. - - - -	31
Octavos, - - - -	459
Duodecimos et infra, - - -	347
	885

The most noticeable fact with regard to the purchases of the year is, that over 300 of the volumes are modern French and Italian books, the greater portion of them imported to order, in accordance with a vote of the board of Directors. It is also worthy of notice that very few juvenile books have been added to the library during the year.

The whole number of volumes in the Library at the rendering of the last annual report was by actual count 33,607, a larger number than was anticipated, considering the number annually worn out and lost. The number of volumes at present on our shelves is 34,492. Of these about 500 are duplicates which it would be well to dispose of.

Of the pamphlets, 16 were bought and 302 given; 175 of them relating to the proceedings of the Sanitary Commission during the war of the rebellion, by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, who gave us also 26 volumes on the same subject.

A list of the benefactors to the library will be found appended to this report.

Six new shares have been sold, and there have been nine teen transfers of old shares.

With the growth of the Library and the gradual incrcase in the number of sharesholders there is, as might be expected, an increase in our circulation. The number of volumes given out during the year is 23,767.

Of prose, fiction, and juvenile books, -	12,505
" history and biography, - -	3,601
" poetry and belles lettres, - -	1,942
" art, science, law, and medicine, -	1,708
" periodicals, - - - -	1,237
" voyages and travels, - -	1,083
" religion, philosophy and education, -	1,082
miscellaneous, - -	607
	23,767

The greatest number of volumes delivered in any month was in January, being 2,494.

The greatest on any day, on February 14th, being 202.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his Assistant. and found to be generally in good condition. Many of the volumes in the alcoves of fiction and juvenile department are badly worn, but perhaps not more than was to be expected. Eight volumes are missing from the shelves, and not accounted for; but none that cannot easily be replaced. Three of those that were missing last year have been returned to the shelves.

It will be observed from the Librarian's report, that considerable additions in some of the modern languages have been made. It has long been deemed desirable to enlarge this department of the library, especially in contemporaneous literature, and the hope has been frequently expressed that the time might not be far distant when such enlargement would be practicable. Thus, in the very first report of the Directors, made in 1837, we find the following: "Your Board do not feel themselves warranted by the state of your funds, in purchasing for the library any books, which cannot be read by those who are familiar only with the mother tongue. At some future day, the reasons for this restricted course will, it is hoped, cease to exist."

In the report of 1851 we find the same hope reiterated in these words: "The increase of the library by the possession of the best works, not only in our own, but in all the polite languages of Europe, is the first wish as well as the final aim, of the proprietors and guardians of this institution."

The Board dwell at length upon this subject in 1868, and conclude with these sentences: "A culture that should ignore the teachings and amenities of German, French or Italian classical literature, would be narrow in the extreme, and only less bigoted than that which would despise the glories of modern continental European literature. It is very much to be regretted that the works of so few foreign contemporaneous writers are to be found on the Athenæum's shelves in the original. A source of great profit and pleasure to those stockholders familiar with foreign languages, and a strong incentive to the study of those languages is wanting. But it is hoped that in future years this want may be supplied; and that with more ample shelf room and an increasing fund for the purchase of new books, the Athenæum will be able to fill out these lean places in its organism."

The present Board share the views expressed by so many of their predecessors, and though important additions to this department have been made from time to time, there is still a great deficiency; and, in contemporaneous literature, prior to the year, of which the relation is now being given, the library was barren indeed. For the purpose of remedying this deficiency, in part, the Directors in January last authorized the Library Committee to procure books in French and German to the amount of three hundred dollars. In compliance with such authority a number of French books, wholly by contemporaneous authors, and, it is believed, well selected, have been purchased.

A few facts relating to the growth of this branch of the library may not he devoid of interest. The first catalogue, issued in 1837, contains but three titles in the modern languages of continental Europe, all in French, and include only ten volumes, eight of which are the works of Moliere. The supplemental catalogue published in 1839, shows a considerable advance in two years, for in it we find eleven titles of French works in 117 volumes, sixteen titles of Italian in 64 volumes, and one Spanish work in one volume, making a total of 28 titles and 182 volumes. At the present time there are 1,714 volumes in this department on the shelves of the Athenæum; of these thelarge majority are in French; next in point of numbers are those in Italian, then German, and finally Spanish, in which latter tongue there are very few indeed. In the statistics just given, dictionaries, maps and charts have been excluded.

In no department has the institution been so indebted to the generosity of friends as in this. Many elegant and costly works on art, in French or Italian, have been presented to the library at different times; the names of Messrs. Crawford

Allen, Philip Allen, Jr., George H. Whitney, Holder Borden Bowen, the Hon. Seth Padelford, with several others, being conspicuous among the donors. But not alone in art do we find the gifts of books in foreign languages considerable, for in 1839 a donation of 57 volumes in Italian, in various branches of literature, was made by the Hon. Thomas M. Burgess, and likewise one of 61 volumes of Italian drama, in the original, by Mrs. Edward B. Hall. In 1840, Horatio N. Slater, Esq., enriched this department by the gift of 236 volumes of French classics. Dr. Marshall Woods presented upwards of 50 volumes in French, upon public health, in 1854; and in 1870, the library was indebted to Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., for 40 volumes of works in German. To enumerate the names, however, of all givers in this branch, or the various additions made by purchase, would occupy too much time and space for the limits of this report. It is hoped that every year, or at least every few years, a certain sum, even if comparatively small, may be set apart for the purchase of works in the foreign languages, especially in contemporaneous literature.

During the past year, two of the earliest friends and benefactors of the Athenæum, John Carter Brown, Esq. and the Hon. William S. Patten, have deceased. Mr. Brown was a member of the first Board of Directors, and a liberal contributor towards the support of this institution. Although the collector of one of the most splendid private libraries in America, the fame of which is known to scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, he did not forget to devote some of his ample means to the growth of this library, that others might share in those literary advantages which he himself so thoroughly prized.

From the inception of the Athenæum down to 1870 Mr. Patten was officially identified with it; and, throughout his

whole life, his interest in its welfare never flagged. For nine years he was Vice-President, and for fourteen years President of the Board, and when at last he declined the re-election that was tendered him, the Directors gave expression to their appreciation of his services by causing a suitable minute to be entered on their records. At the meeting of the Board immediately succeeding Mr. Patten's death, our President alluded in appropriate terms to the career of his deceased predecessor, and fittingly recognized the zeal and fidelity that had placed this institution under such lasting obligations. Mr. Patten, at his death, was Chancellor of Brown University, and during his life filled many honorable positions. Happy is he, who like the subject of these remarks, can pass from the busy walks of life to the silent realms of death, and leave a character worthy the emulation of all that may follow after him.

By order and in behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 28, 1874.

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United States, Department of the Interior.....		1
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United States Patent Office. The Official Gazette.....		
Wilmington Institute.....		1
Young Men's Association of the city of Buffalo.....		1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 22, 1873. - -		$1,277 40

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold at $15. - -	$90 00	
For tax assessed Sept. 22, 1873, collected on 618 shares, -	3,090 00	
" " " " 23, 1872, " " 8 " -	40 00	
For shares rented, - - - - -	22 50	
For three shares sold for non payment of taxes, -	30 00	
For fines collected, - - - - -	206 70	
For dividends and interest on invested funds, - -	1,916 66	
For amount of bequest from Miss Lydia Carpenter, -	500 00	
For amount received from adjoining estates for their proportion of cost of fence, - - -	48 72	
		5,944 58
		$7,221 98

EXPENDITURES.

For books, - - - -	$992 64		
For periodicals, - - -	385 96		
For binding, - - -	241 84		
For stationary and blank books, - -	34 92		
For salaries, - - -	2,587 50		
For fuel, - - - -	187 35		
For gas, - - - -	120 25		
For advertising and printing, - -	168 14		
For express and postage, - -	32 20		
For repairs and furniture, - -	78 35		
For insurance, - - - -	96 50		
For sundries, - . - -	45 41		
		$4,971 06	
Added to permanent fund, - -		800 00	
Balance this day in R. I. Hospital Trust Co. and Manufacturers National Bank, -		1,450 92	$7.221 98

The invested funds of the corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank,	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank, - -	3,150 00
10 shares in Delaware and Hudson Canal Registered Bonds, - - - - - -	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in R. I. Hospital Trust Co.,	12,000 00
	$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on thirty-nine shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 28, 1874.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1874.

	Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsy, executrix	348
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REPORT.

In compliance with the constitution of the Athenæum, the Directors herewith present to the shareholders "a detailed report of the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the institution."

The Board of Directors elected at the last annual meeting was promptly organized by the re-election of William Gammell, Esq., as President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., as Vice-President. Mr. J. D. Hedge and Miss Mary M. Angell were continued in their respective positions of Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

The system of closing the Library in the months of July and August, between the hours of one and three P. M., has been repeated this year without apparent injury to the shareholders, and certainly to the benefit of the officers in charge during the severe summer just gone.

The long since authorized introduction of Pawtuxet water into the building is now an accomplished fact. The delay of this much needed work, as you are aware, was caused by the want of a sewer upon Benefit street into which the waste water could, without too great expense, be conducted. That new sewer was completed in July last, and the Board immediately caused the water

to be introduced, conveniences to be made in the building, and drainage to the new sewer completed. Last winter, during two of the many severe rain-falls, the water invaded the furnace-pit and put out the fires, thus rendering the performance of Librarians' duties painful, and occupation of the building for reading purposes almost impossible. With our new drain-pipe it is hoped that difficulty will not again occur. This improvement has been completed at a cost of over 800 dollars. Its necessity is patent, and the Board as your steward only regret it in this view, that so much money has been diverted from the purchase of books.

John Banks, the faithful and trustworthy Janitor of the building, died during the winter. He had spent in your service twenty-five years. His son, Edward L. Banks, succeeds his father in the performance of the same trust.

During the summer the removal of the ward-room building opposite was the cause of the sad mutilation of the fine trees in front of the Athenæum grounds. This estate suffered in common with those of many proprietors along Benefit street. Your Board caused an energetic remonstrance against the practice of moving buildings of little or no value through streets, whereby beautiful trees are wholly or in part destroyed, to be conveyed to the Mayor of the city. The subject was by him presented to the City Council. It is to be hoped the effort of the Board may in some measure assist in checking the practice of saving almost worthless buildings in our city at the expense of long and grateful lines of shade trees.

The Treasurer's Report for the past year exhibits the following financial condition of the Corporation:

Receipts.

From eleven new shares sold,	$165 00
From taxes and fines,	3,538 27
From dividends and interest,	1,912 91
Total	$5,616 18

Expenditures.

For salaries,	$2,750 00
For books and periodicals,	1,238 73
For other purposes,	1,349 43
Total,	$5,338 16

Upon the main matters of the Library, the purchase, use and condition of the books, the Librarian reports as follows:

The additions to the Library fall below the average of former years in number, though not greatly in value. This fact is accounted for by the diversion of our funds for water improvements, as well as by the increased cost of books and from depreciation in the currency. It should be stated, also, that no opportunities have offered to purchase books at the cheaper rates of auction sales.

There have been, however, added to the Library in the past year, 612 volumes, 170 pamphlets, 1 atlas, and 6 maps and charts. Of these volumes there were added

By purchase,	401
By gift,	75
By binding periodicals and pamphlets,	136
Total,	612

According to size the additions consist of

Folios, ...	15
Quartos, ...	35
Octavos, ...	345
Duodecimos and under, ...	217
Total, ...	612

Of the pamphlets, 36 were added by purchase, and 134 by gift.

The average cost of the volumes bought is $2.19; that of the volumes added by the binding of periodicals much greater. The average cost of the pamphlets purchased is about 41 cents. The whole number of volumes at present on our shelves is 35,104. A list of donors to the Athenæum is appended to this report.

There have been eighteen transfers of shares during the year. Eleven new shares have been sold, which is a greater number than has been disposed of during any year since the present Librarian's connection with the institution. There has also been a material increase in the circulation of books; the whole number of volumes issued being 24,911—being 1,144 more than ever previously given out in any year since the number of issues was recorded. It will be seen by the subjoined table that the literary taste of the reading public is very constant. There were issued

Of prose, fiction and juvenile books, . .	13,502	vols.
" history and biography, . . .	3,773	"
" poetry and belles lettres, . . .	1,864	"
" art, science, law and medicine, . .	1,714	"
" periodicals, ...	1,217	"

Of voyages and travels, ...	1,164	vols.
" religion, philosophy, social science and education, ...	1,014	"
" miscellaneous literature, ...	663	"
Total, ...	24,911	"

The greatest number given out in any month was in March, 2,516; the largest delivery on any day, 240, on February 13th.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his Assistant and fifteen books found missing from the shelves, and not accounted for. Three of those missing last year have again been found on the shelves. There are a considerable number of books in the department of prose fiction which are worn out or nearly so, and should be condemned. The wear and tear of books of this class is very great, much greater in the opinion of the Librarian than is needful. They are abused by being scribbled over, by having the fly-leaves torn out, or they are allowed to be played with by children and returned with a leaf or two of the text missing, and most unfortunately when the damage is pointed out to the persons returning them, it generally happens that such was the condition of the volumes when they received them!

Several changes having taken place in our list of periodicals received, some having died a natural death and been replaced by others, a new list of those regularly received is here given:

Academy, The. London. Weekly. 4°.
Advocate of peace. Boston. Monthly. 4°.
Aldine, The. New York. Monthly. Folio.
All the year round. London. Monthly. 8°.

American annual cyclopædia. New York. Yearly. 8°.
American association for the advancement of science, Proceedings of the. Yearly. 8°.
American church review. New York. Quarterly. 8°.
American journal of science and arts. New Haven. Monthly. 8°.
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Kladderadatsch. Berlin. Weekly. Sm. 4°.
Lancet, The. London. Monthly. 8°.
Law magazine. London. Monthly. 8°.
Lippincott's magazine. Philadelphia. Monthly. 8°.

London quarterly review. London. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
London society. London. Monthly. 8°.
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Mail, The. London. One-third weekly. Folio.
Nation, The. New York. Weekly. 4°.
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New Englander, The. New Haven. Quarterly. 8°.
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Notes and queries. London. Monthly. 4°.
Official gazette of the U. S. Patent office. Washington. Weekly. L. 8°.
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Overland monthly. San Francisco. Monthly. 8°.
Pall Mall budget. London. Weekly. Folio.
Patent right gazette. New York. Monthly. 4°.
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Saturday review. London. Weekly. Folio.
Scientific American. New York. Weekly. Folio.
Scribner's monthly. New York. Monthly. 8°.
Temple Bar. London. Monthly. 8°.
Unitarian review and religious magazine. Boston. Monthly. 8°.
Van Nostrand's eclectic engineering magazine. N. York. Monthly. 8°.
Vassar miscellany. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Quarterly. 8°.
Westminster review. London. American reprint. Quarterly. 8°.
World of fashion. London. Monthly. Sm. 4°.
Year book of facts in science and the arts. London. Yearly. 12°.

The above list exhibits a selection of revised magazine and newspaper literature carefully made, which is invaluable to the thoughtful student. It may safely be said that the privilege of consulting these "chronicles of the time" is one of the highest privileges of the Athenæum. Granted that as business men some of the shareholders have too little time to consult the other stores of the Library, the reading room furnishes the opportunity of keeping up with the current of literature, science and

art. We claim no more for this department than is stated by wise judges of the value of our periodicals and magazines, when we say that the list is as good as can be found in any library. The opportunity to use this department of the Athenæum should induce large numbers of our citizens to become shareholders of the institution, and undoubtedly if the facts regarding the reading room were more generally known would produce such a desirable result.

We regret to call attention to the matter of delinquent taxes. Misfortunes in business have compelled some shareholders to omit the payment of the annual assessment upon their shares. Carelessness, we fear, has also caused a large number of others to neglect such payment. The number of taxes now due and unpaid is 34—an important sum to the Athenæum, with the constant calls upon its funds for necessary expenditures, to say nothing of the books which could be therewith purchased.

This report would be incomplete did it not refer to the recent decease of one of the principal benefactors of the Corporation, Robert H. Ives, Esq. He was one of the contributors of the land upon which the Library building stands; took a lively interest in the foundation of the then infant Library, and has from time to time contributed to its progress by his means and his advice. At various times during a long period, from 1846 to 1863, he was a Director of its affairs. Though not concerned in its active management for many years, it is fitting that the Board should express, in common with all the benevolent and charitable institutions of our city, their appreciation of the loss the whole community sustains in the

death of one who has taken during a long and eventful life such an interest in all enterprises looking to the moral as well as material advancement of our city.

The Board would again call the attention of the shareholders to the matter of keeping the reading room open from October to April during the evening. Such opening entails upon the treasury a considerable expense for lighting the room. This would be of trifling import if shareholders in any number visited the room between the hours of seven and nine P. M.; but the facts are that but two or three attend upon any evening to use the reading room, and perhaps as many more to return or take out a book from the Library.

The Board refer the whole matter to the shareholders, asking them to express their opinion whether it is advisable to continue open during the evening for the future as formerly. If any change is deemed desirable by the shareholders, the Board would like to be instructed whether it is your pleasure to close at the hour of seven P. M., as is done during the summer, or to continue open for a portion of the evening to accommodate those of you, who, detained by business during the day, have no opportunity of coming to the Library until evening.

A suggestion has also been made in the Board that the hour of opening from October to April may well be changed to nine A. M., to accommodate those who wish to visit the Athenæum for any purpose as they go to business in the morning, and to close the building at seven P. M., thus making the hours of opening and closing during the year uniform.

In conclusion, the Board call upon the shareholders individually to endeavor to strengthen the Corporation

by personal explanation of its advantages to friends and companions, that the number of shareholders be increased and the treasury benefited, whereby more good books may be procured to help on the higher intellectual development of this already great and still growing city.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28, 1874			$1,450 92

RECEIPTS.

For eleven new shares sold at $15	$165 00	
For tax assessed September 28, 1874, collected on 632 shares	3,160 00	
For tax assessed September 23, 1873, collected on 36 shares	180 00	
For shares rented	22 50	
For fines collected	175 77	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,912 91	
		$5,616 18
		$7,067 10

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For books	$854 27		
For periodicals	384 46		
For binding	221 62		
For stationery	16 21		
For salaries	2,750 00		
For fuel	219 60		
For gas	131 88		
For express and postage	23 45		
For advertising and printing report	140 01		
For repairs and furniture	66 88		
For insurance	65 27		
For partial expense of introducing water	266 96		
For city assessment for sewer on Benefit street	182 25		
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		$5,338 16	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co		1,728 94	$7,067 10

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank	3,150 00
10 shares Delaware & Hudson Canal registered bonds	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co	12,000 00
	$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on 31 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27, 1875.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1875.

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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1876.

FORTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Directors of the Athenæum, in presenting their Report, take pleasure in again congratulating the shareholders on the continued progress and prosperity of the institution. The year has been marked by few events of special interest or importance, but our accustomed work has gone on with little of anything to hinder its progress or to mar its success. The officers of the institution have been the same as in the year preceding. Mr. Frank E. Richmond, who was chosen a Director at the last Annual Meeting, declined the position, and Mr. William B. Weeden was chosen to take his place. It has been found necessary to make considerable expenditures in repairs upon the building. The roof around the skylights, for several years past, has occasionally leaked, especially in severe rain storms. This has produced numerous stains in the ceiling, and also in the matting with which the floor was covered. The condition of the roof was found to be such as required immediate attention. The leaks must first of all be stopped, and afterwards the ceiling must be repaired and covered with a tinted wash, as before. Both these works have been done, it is hoped effectually; though leaks in a roof are

at all times so insidious and so difficult of remedy, or even of discovery, that we cannot be sure of entire success till after a winter's experience. The roof, however, has been thoroughly examined and every part of it that suggested the possibility of a leak, has been carefully covered and repaired. Especially is this true of the sashes, not only on the outside, but also on the inside, for no small part of the trouble we have experienced has arisen from the condensation and deposit of atmospheric moisture upon the inside windows in the ceiling, and its overflow upon the adjoining plastering. It is hoped that the entire evil has been remedied by what has been done upon the roof.

The matting on the main floor has been in use for the past eight years. It was worn through in several places and was badly stained in others by droppings from the roof. As such a covering must always require to be renewed at short intervals, and is at all times a receptacle of dust which is injurious to the books, it was decided to dispense with it altogether, and to cover the main floor with a thin upper flooring of Southern pine, which, it is expected, will not only last much longer, but in many other ways prove advantageous to the good appearance and cleanliness of the room. The cost of this new covering is scarcely greater than that of the matting, and it cannot fail to endure a much longer wear. In connection with this work, a new carpet has been placed on the floor of the south-west room, known as the Directors' Room, and that room has in other respects been made more commodious and agreeable. The bills for these expenditures have not yet been received, but

it is estimated that their amount will be about two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Directors always regret any necessity which occasions the diversion of a considerable amount of money from the increase and care of the library, for after all, the maintenance and growth of the library form the grand object of the institution. The expenditures of the past year, here referred to, though not directly for books, are yet very intimately connected with the safety and well being of the library. The books on our shelves are never secure from injury while water is liable to drop from leaks in the roof, and few frequenters of the Athenæum would be satisfied to see stains continually multiplying on its ceiling or its floor. It must also be kept in mind that the building and its fences are now nearly forty years old. Situated as it is in the excavation of a hill, and on this account specially exposed to dampness, it has reached the period when repairs must of necessity be more frequent than they have hitherto been. It has always been our hope, however, that the increasing expenditures for this purpose will be more than made up by the increasing resources of the institution, so that though we may be compelled to expend more in changes and repairs we shall also be able to expend more in the purchase of books and the increase of our intellectual advantages and attractions.

The interests of the Athenæum as a public library have received the careful and constant attention of the Directors. The number of volumes added during the year is 750. Besides these there have been received 221 pamphlets, 3 atlasses, and 8 charts; of the volumes added, 490 were purchased, 98 were given, and 162 were obtained

by the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. The classification and character of these volumes will be given in the statement of the Librarian. Among them may be mentioned about eighty volumes, the works of popular authors, in the German language. These have been purchased for the special use and encouragement of the increasing number of those of our proprietors, or their families, who are familiar with that language or are engaged in its study. A similar purchase was made in a preceding year of books in the French language, which have ever since been in almost constant use.

It will also be seen from the Librarian's statement that the number of volumes given to the library during the year is larger than usual. The customary list of donors is appended to this report. The Directors, however, desire to make special acknowledgment of an elegant and costly Italian work, in 2 volumes, folio, on the Churches and Fountains of Rome, presented by Mr. Frank E. Richmond; of 13 volumes of the Congressional Globe, by the Hon. Benjamin T. Eames; of several literary and scientific works, together with the "Abridged Memoirs of the Royal Society," in 10 volumes, by Dr. Horace G. Miller; and still more particularly, a copy of The Providence Daily Journal, The Journal of Speculative Philosophy, The International Review, each of which has been continued for several years; and a complete set of the new edition of Appleton's American Cyclopœdia, in 16 volumes, by Mr. J. D. Hedge, our esteemed Librarian.

From the Annual Report of the Treasurer it appears that the receipts and the expenditures have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

For eight new shares sold,	$120 00
For taxes and fines,	3,576 79
For dividends and interest,	1,801 90
Total	$5,498 69

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries,	$2,800 00
For books and periodicals,	1,646 41
For completing the introduction of water,	488 18
For College street sewer assessment,	76 28
For other purposes,	1,059 08
Total,	$6,069 95

The following is the annual statement of the Librarian:

The past year has been a prosperous one for the Athenæum. There has been a considerable increase in the number of additions to the library, and in the use of the library by the shareholders. The additions consist of seven hundred and fifty volumes, two hundred and twenty pamphlets, three atlasses and eight charts. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase,	490
By gift,	98
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,	162
Total,	750

Of the pamphlets, 71 were purchased and 150 given. Classified according to size we find these volumes are

Folios,	27
Quartos,	46
Octavos,	459
Duodecimos and under,	218
Total,	750

The books selected by the Library Committee are mostly such as will be of permanent value to the library, the proportion of merely ephemeral and juvenile works being much smaller than usual. About eighty volumes, however, of the popular light literature of Germany have been obtained from abroad for the especial benefit of such among our readers as are pursuing the study of the language. The whole number of volumes in the library is now 35,859. The number of books presented to the Athenæum is this year larger than usual, and the thanks of the Corporation are hereby tendered to the donors, a list of whom will be found on a subsequent page. Eight new shares have been sold during the year, and there have been twenty transfers of shares. Forty shares have been unused. The number of volumes taken out of the library was 26,279. The proportion of books, thus given out in the different departments of literature, is nearly the same from year to year. There were taken out

Of prose fiction and juvenile books,	13,626
" history and biography,	4,089
" poetry and belles lettres,	2,251
" art, science, law and medicine,	1,893

Of voyages and travels, ...	1,367
" periodicals, ...	1,309
" religion, philosophy, social science and education	1,115
" miscellaneous literature, ...	629
Total, ...	26,279

In the four preceding years the number of volumes issued was, in 1872, 21,502 ; in 1873, 22,852 ; in 1874, 23,767 ; and in 1875, 24,911. But the number of volumes delivered at the desk affords no adequate idea of the use of the library. Many persons do most of their reading in the rooms of the Athenæum. Strangers from abroad visiting the city for purposes of literary investigation make daily use of the library. To such the freest use of the treasures on our shelves is gladly extended, and every accommodation is willingly afforded them; but many others, residents of the city, who are not shareholders are in the habit of visiting the Athenæum for their own amusement and recreation, and using the library and reading-room as freely as if they owned shares in it. It is questionable if such use of it should be permitted, and if the rights of shareholders are not abridged in consequence of it.

The library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his Assistant, and seven volumes only found missing from the shelves and not accounted for. The ɔooks lost are mostly novels and of little value. Two 'olumes previously lost have been returned to the ibrary. The books generally were found in good condi-ion; but in the department of fiction many show hard sage, and some have been badly abused. The Librarian

is tired of having this complaint to make year after year. The wanton defacing of a book belonging to a public library is in Massachusetts a state prison offence. The evil is a very serious one and deserves severe punishment. The difficulty is in detecting the guilty parties. There is not time to examine every volume as soon as it is returned to the library before it is given out again. Moreover, the books are transferred from one shareholder to another, and sometimes lent to persons having no right to the library, which is strictly illegal. Sufficient diligence is not taken to prevent the books from being handled by children or even played with by dogs. A moderate amount of care in this respect by those using the library would be a great saving of expense to the Athenæum.

In the last Annual Report mention was made of the practice among some of the shareholders of allowing the yearly assessments to remain unpaid till the close or nearly the close of the year. The number of such delinquents last year was 34, and the present number is 33. In some cases this undoubtedly arises from the absence of shareholders from the city, or from causes beyond their control. In others it is to be ascribed to negligence or an habitual want of promptness in making payments of every kind; while in others still, it appears to have its origin in an erroneous impression that the tax is not due till the end of the year. Whatever the cause may be, the result is always injurious to the rights and interests of the Athenæum, for it deprives its treasury of funds which belong to it, and which are needed for the payment of its bills. As to the time at

which the annual tax ought to be paid, the annual vote of the Corporation invariably fixes it *on or before the first day of October next after it is assessed.* The Directors also take the liberty to call attention to the rule relating to fines for delinquency in the returning of books to the library. There is said to be an impression somewhat prevalent, that the imposition of these fines is wholly at the discretion of the Librarian, or that of the Board of Directors. It should therefore be understood that it is explicitly enjoined by a by-law of the Corporation, and that this by-law, and indeed all the by-laws of the Athenæum, are as old as the institution itself, having been adopted in 1836, and having been in full force ever since. They were passed evidently for no other pupose than to secure the equal rights of every shareholder, and to prevent any one from taking undue advantage of others in using the privileges of the library. They must commend themselves to the entire approval of those who will reflect on what would be the condition of the institution if every member of the Corporation should pay the assessments, or return the books taken from its library, only according to his own convenience.

Forty years have now elapsed since the Athenæum was founded. Like all institutions which have to do with the highest interests of society, it is very largely of the nature of a public charity. As such it was regarded by its founders. The land on which its building stands and the sum of $10,000 were given to the Corporation on condition that $14,000 more should be obtained by subscription. The amount thus secured exceeded the condition prescribed and was raised to about $17,000, making, in addition to the land, about $27,000 for the erec-

tion of the building and the purchase of books. All this was a free gift for the benefit of the people of Providence; for the whole enterprise was designed as a benefaction to the public as truly as if no shareholders or corporation had existed. Share-holding, however, was the only method in which public libraries were then carried on in the United States. But in order to place its advantages within the reach of the largest possible number of families, the price of its shares was fixed at $15, a price lower than then existed at any corresponding instution in the country. A share in the Redwood Library at Newport, cost then, as now, $25. A share in the old libraries out of which the Athenæum was formed, cost the same, while shares in similar institutions in other states cost from $100 to $250. On this generous foundation has the institution been reared to its present proportions. Its success and usefulness have far surpassed the expectations of its earliest friends. This building, which is now so nearly filled with books, was at first thought to be large enough for the joint accommodation of another society. The shareholders at its first annual meeting numbered 293, and of these only 157 had made use of their shares during the first year. The volumes in the library were only such as had been bought of the two feeble and somewhat dilapidated libraries which were merged in the formation of this, and they numbered not more than 4,080. The demand for books in the town was exceedingly limited, and literary reading was confined to a few narrow circles.

During all this period the Athenæum has been doing a work of inestimable importance to the community. If in all circles of society in Providence there are many,

both men and women, who are unusually well read in the literature of the English language, the fact is to be ascribed in no small degree to the opportunities and the inducements afforded by the Athenæum. If many a young man has developed a special taste for science or art, or for higher learning of any kind, it has most frequently been because he has found here the means of rising to a nobler intellectual life. And if in a multitude of homes the hours of leisure are spent more profitably, and domestic life has taken on a brighter and happier aspect, the good influences of the Athenæum must be reckoned among the causes which have led to the improvement.

Providence, as we all believe, is destined to become one of the great cities of the country; but this destiny in the truest sense cannot be reached by material agencies alone. There must exist here institutions and means of individual and social improvement worthy of the civilization of the age, and fitted to the work of exalting the character of the community. Among these we hope ere long to see a free library permanently established and in full operation. Nowhere will the advent of such a library be more cordially welcomed than among the friends of the Athenæum. Several of them are already enrolled among its promoters and benefactors, and it is not to be imagined for a moment, that any other relations than those of sympathy and reciprocal good will can subsist between two institutions originating in the same generous public spirit, and devoted alike to the public good of the city.

The existence of a free library, however, need not change the aims or retard the progress of the Athenæum. As it

has been in the past, so will it be in the future, ever increasing its attractions and multiplying its agencies for the intellectual growth and culture of the community. Of this growth and culture good books have in all ages been the most efficient promoters. To accumulate such books, the best that the literature of the world affords, and to circulate them as widely as possible, will always be the appointed work of this institution. Its alcoves were nearly doubled in their capacity eight years ago; but the time will come when the building itself will require to be enlarged, by extending its front to the sidewalk, and ultimately, perhaps, by placing wings at its sides. In carrying it forward into this opening and expanding future, let us so cherish its interests, and so administer its affairs, that it shall always be regarded with affection and pride by the people of Providence for whom its benefits were designed.

Submitted in behalf and by order of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1876.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Angell, James B., Ann Arbor, Mich	.....	3
Arnold, Stephen H	1	.....
Austin, Samuel	.....	1
Bailey, William M., Jr	.....	1
Bailey, William W	1	3
Bartlett, John R	1	1
Becker, Alexander R	.....	1
Beckwith, Henry T., The Spirit of Missions and The	.....	.....
Churchman	.....	.....
Benedict, Maria W	2	.....
Brinley, Francis, Newport, R. I	.....	1
Bowen, Holder Borden	6	.....
Brown, Samuel W., City Clerk	2	.....
Caswell, Alexis	.....	2
Caswell, Edward T	1	.....
Chase, Henry R	1	.....
Chapin, Charles V	.....	1
Childs, Harold C	.....	1
Davis, Lucy A	1	.....
Diman, J. Lewis	.....	1
Doyle, Thomas A	.....	1
Drowne, Henry T., New York	1	.....
Eames, Benjamin T	15	.....
Gammell, William	2	3
Gates, Charles H., L'Educateur, 1875	1	2
Harkness, Albert	3	.....
Harris, William T., St. Louis, Mo	.....	1
Hartshorn, Charles P	.....	1
Hayes, Frederic	.....	1
Hazard, Rowland, The Economist	.....	.....
Hedge, J. D., The International Review, The Journal of	.....	.....
Speculative Philosophy, The Providence Daily Journal	.....	.....
and	9	3
Hoppin, James M., New Haven, Conn	.....	2
Hubbard, Luther Prescott, New York	.....	1
Jenks, J. W. P	1	1
Knapp, H., New York	4	.....
Miller, Horace G	14	1
Rawson, Henry M	1	.....
Richmond, Frank E	2	.....
Rogers, Horatio	.....	2
Sawyer, John W	.....	1
Stone, Edwin M	.....	1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Smith, James Y	1	.....
Spofford, H. R	.....	1
Stockwell, Thomas B	1	.....
Titus, Charles H	.....	3
Upham, William Phineas, Salem, Mass	.....	5
Waterman, Emily	1	.....
Wiley, John & Son, New York City	1	.....
Wilkinson, Israel, Jacksonville, Ill	1	.....
Williams, James, Ohio	1	.....
Woodbury, Augustus	.....	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	1
American Antiquarian Society	.....	2
American Peace Society, "The Advocate of Peace."	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "The Unitarian Review	.....	.....
& Religious Magazine."	.....	.....
Astor Library, New York	.....	1
Brazillian Commissioners to the Centennial Exposition,	.....	.....
Philadelphia. 8 charts	2	6
Boston Public Library	.....	5
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, London	.....	7
Commissioners on the building of R. I. County Court	.....	.....
House, Atlas of plans and	1	.....
Editors of the "American Missionary," The American	.....	.....
Missionary	.....	.....
Editors of "The Brunonian," The Brunonian	.....	.....
Editors of "Our Dumb Animals," Our Dumb Animals	.....	.....
Editors of "The Patent Right Gazette," The Patent Right	.....	.....
Gazette	.....	.....
East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room	.....	1
Fall River Public Library	.....	2
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, of New	.....	.....
York City	.....	1
Hartford Young Men's Institute	.....	1
Lawrence Free Public Library	.....	6
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	1
Manchester, England, Public Free Library	1	1
Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of St. Louis	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco,	.....	2
Mercantile Library Association of New York	.....	2
Minnesota Historical Society	.....	2
New York Homœopathic Medical College	.....	1
Smithsonian Institution	2	.....
Saint John's Commandery, Providence	1	.....
State of Rhode Island	3	2
Trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund	2	.....
United States Department of the Interior	1	2
United States Department of State	4	.....
United States Department of the Treasury	2	3
United States Department of War	8	.....
United States Patent Office, "The Offical Gazette," and	.....	.....
"General Index of Patents,"	.....	.....
Wilmington Institute	.....	1
Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
Warwick Yacht Club	1	.....
Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo	.....	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 27, 1875			$1,728 94

RECEIPTS.

For eight new shares sold at $15	$120 00	
For tax assessed September 27, 1875, collected on 635 shares	3,175 00	
For tax assessed September 28, 1874, collected on 20 shares	100 00	
For eight shares sold for non-payment of taxes	80 25	
For shares rented	41 00	
For fines collected	180 54	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,801 90	
		$5,498 69
		$7,227 63

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,247 08		
For periodicals	399 33		
For binding	285 57		
For stationery and record-book	41 85		
For salaries	2,800 00		
For fuel	199 00		
For gas and water	143 02		
For express and postage	18 05		
For printing report and advertising	150 31		
For repairs	95 17		
For insurance	24 80		
For completing expense of introducing water	488 18		
For city assessment of sewer on College street	76 28		
For sundries	16 11		
		$5,984 75	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co		1,242 88	$7,227 63

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank—par value	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank—par value	3,150 00
10 Delaware and Hudson Canal registered Bonds—par value	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co	12,000 00
	$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on 33 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1876.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1876.

	Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell John W.	287
Anthony Henry	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Samuel G.	58
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William R., 2d.	217
Arnold William S.	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin Samuel	2

	Share, No.
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Baker George	226
Balch John R.	339
Balch Joseph*	205
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou David	48
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Becker Alexander R.	13
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Truman	19
Belden Stanton (N. Providenoc)	392
Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Benefit street Free Chapel	491
Bennett Charles E.	584
Beverly George	342
Billings Ethelbert R	594
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Charles	530
Blanding William B	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Blodget William P.*	387
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Charles E.	267
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Bourn Robert C.	404

*Deceased.

Bowen Henry 198
Bowen Holder Borden 640
Bowen Tully D. 130
Boyd Thomas, Jr. 597
Bradford Joseph 250
Bradford S. Standish* 65
Bradley Charles S. 303
Brayton George A., (Warwick) 366
Briggs Jeremiah 456
Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church 484
Brown Adeline 245
Brown Edward W. 532
Brown Henry T. 510
Brown John Carter* 77
Brown Joseph R.* 480
Brown Moses* 1
Brown Samuel W. 454
Brown Street Baptist Society 574
Brown Thomas 212
Brown William* 324
Brown William Waterman 219
Brown William Whipple 466
Browne George H. 585
Brownell Francis S. 160
Brownell Stephen 410
Bucklin Katharine A. 601
Bucklin James C. 373
Bucklin Simon S. 168
Buffum Benjamin 52
Bugbee James H. 570
Bullock Julia 502
Bullock Samuel B. 426
Bullock William P.* 144
Burges Walter S. 78
Burgess Frederick 76
Burrough Martha H. 367
Bush Edwin A. 390
Bush Patience M. 306
Bush Richard W.* 91
Butler Cyrus* 7
Butts David A. (New York) 182
Butts Frank* 397

Cady Shubael H. 536
Calder Albert L. 274
Calder George B. 631
Carlisle Elizabeth 441
Carpenter Earl* 486
Carpenter George M. 374
Carpenter Sturgis P. 79
Caswell Alexis 270
Caswell Edward T. 184
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Chace George L. 224
Chace Henry R 395
Chace Lewis J. 527
Chace Lillie B. 669
Chace Thomas E. 627
Chace William M.* 176
Chaffee Mary E. 555
Channing William F. 105
Chapin Alexander Duncan 94
Chapin George W. 337
Chapin John F. 596
Chapin Joshua B. 423
Chapman Rhodes B. 408
Child Edward F. 679
Childs Charles H.* 208
Claflin George L. 482
Clark George H. 428
Clark Thomas M. 411
Clarke Benjamin F. 403
Clarke George L. 612
Clarke James M. 501
Clarke John H.* 313
Clarke Walter L. 512
Cobb Dewey A. 633
Coggeshall James H. 450
Cole Joseph C. W. 210
Collins George L. 526
Congdon George W. 257
Congdon Henry R. 514
Congdon Johns H. 72
Congdon Joseph W. 166
Congdon Sarah W. 592
Cook Caleb C.* 352
Cooke Joseph J. 565
Corliss George H. 360
Corliss William 622
Cranston Henry C. 548
Crins William H. 562
Crocker Nathan B.* 296
Crooker Josiah W. 605
Cross James M. 561
Cushing Samuel B.* 399
Cutler Edward H. 153

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Dailey Charlotte F. 209
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Danielson John W. 661
Dart William H.* 128
Davis Edmund 620
Davis George A. 123
Davis Thomas 173
Davis William D. 318
Day Albert Clifford 203
Day Daniel 53
Dearth William G. 117
DeMunn Sarah 447
DeWitt Henry A. 469
DeWolf J. Halsey 229

Dexter Christopher	593
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Board of Directors of the Providence Athenæum herewith submit to the Proprietors their Forty-Second Annual Report. In a year of unprecedented financial depression, when the resources of so many institutions have been most seriously affected by the loss or shrinkage of invested funds, it is a matter for congratulation that our income has been so large as it has been, and that, without incurring debt, we have been able to meet all the current expenses of the year. In times like these it is not amiss, once more, to commend the financial wisdom which sought, with so much care, to place the funds of this institution where there was as much certainty as there would be in anything human, that they would not be subjected to those fluctuations which put in peril some of the choicest interests entrusted to the hands of the guardians of our social, intellectual and religious institutions. When commercial prosperity rules the hour, and the spirit of speculation loosens men from their moorings, the temptation is very great to lead them to embark in schemes which promise to yield larger incomes than accrue from what observation and experience should teach them, are safe repositories of the trusts

committed to their charge. In an institution like ours there never comes a time when its wants do not outrun our ability to meet them. We see so many things to be done, which, for the lack of means, we cannot do—improvements called for in so many directions—the establishment of new departments of literature, or the generous enlargement of those already established—the introduction of new, attractive and perhaps more useful periodicals, quarterly, monthly or weekly—more attention to art, both in sculpture and painting—a richer culture of the modern languages—better facilities for the study of the sciences and the mechanic arts—in short, so much to be accomplished to bring up the Athenæum to our ideal standard, and make it what it ought to be, the praise and the glory of our fair city, that we, as Directors, may well be pardoned if we sometimes indulge the wish that our resources were larger, and our facilities greater to do what we would be glad to do. Within a few years schemes without number have been started which hold out most alluring prospects of returning to those who took hold of them, larger revenues than came from the ordinary sources of pecuniary income.

The temptation to embark in such schemes has been steadily resisted by those who have felt themselves sacredly bound not to put in jeopardy funds which came from those who have so earnestly desired to do what lay in their power to give a higher, more intellectual tone to the character of our citizens. They have thought that the temporary success which might follow a departure from a course of sober providence, would not be a sufficient compensation for the risks they might run in attempting such a departure. The danger lest in the eager

grasping for larger income, they might perchance sink out of sight and all hope of recovering the very sources from which that income was to flow, was too great, and they have been satisfied "to let well enough alone."

The Directors desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the Athenæum for so many years, by the late Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., LL. D. Identified with its fortunes from its very start down to the close of his life, he promoted its interests in many ways, sympathizing with its friends in all their attempts to advance its prosperity and increase its efficiency as an instrument for good in the community of which for so long a period he had been an honored and most highly esteemed citizen. Sixteen years of official connection with the Athenæum, eight years as a Director and eight as Vice-President, sufficiently indicate the regard in which he was held by the proprietors of this institution. A perpetual memorial of the interest he personally felt for it, may be found in one of our rooms in the form of the elegant marble models which he purchased in Rome, illustrating some of the choicest specimens of ancient classic art found in that imperial city. Few men among us have touched life on more sides than the friend whose genial face and sunny smile we so much miss at this our annual gathering. The example of such a man is a benediction, and we are sure that the memory of his virtues will long be kept fragrant in the hearts of so many who knew him but to love him.

The improvements made on both the exterior and the interior of the building, which were referred to somewhat at length in the report of the last year, have added

materially to the comfort of those who have frequented the Athenæum. Some apprehension was expressed that the exchange of the matting for the thin flooring of southern pine might not be an agreeable one. But experience has shown that such apprehension was groundless. Greater cleanliness has been secured. The books have been protected from the fine dust which is always sure to collect in any matting or carpet, and the ease with which such a floor as we now have, can be washed, makes it certain that our principal room will wear the appearance of neatness and good order. Some complaints have been made of the dampness and want of thorough ventilation observed in the basement. Such is the location of the building that it is almost unavoidable that there will be more or less of the dampness referred to. The best we can do, under existing circumstances, is to warn our patrons of either sex whose health may be at all delicate, not to remain too long in the basement if they are aware of the chill to which allusion has been made. One who is sensitive can readily detect the presence of such a chilliness in the air, and ought to have strength of will sufficient to overcome any temptation to linger too long over the brilliant essay or the fascinating story. We anticipate the coming of the time when more thorough drainage and some better system of ventilation will remedy the infelicities to which we have referred, although, probably, situated as the building now is in the recess of an excavated hill, it can never in all respects be what it would be, if placed where it would be exposed on all sides to currents of fresh, pure air.

During the past year the Board of Directors have held twelve monthly meetings. At these meetings the inter-

ests of the Athenæum have received the careful attention of those who are especially appointed its guardians. It was with great pleasure that at their first meeting this year they re-elected the accomplished Librarian, J. D. Hedge, Esq., to the position which he has held for so many years, and continued in office his faithful assistant, Miss M. M. Angell. The labors of those executive officers of the Athenæum, it will readily be perceived, must be expected to increase from year to year with the growth of the institution. Without being able positively to verify the statement, we hazard the opinion that very few similar institutions carry on their affairs with a smaller clerical force than this. We casually read the Report of the Librarian as incorporated with the Annual Report of the Board of Directors. We are told how many books, pamphlets, atlases, charts, etc., have been added to the Library — how many of these were purchased and how many given, and how many volumes have been made by the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. We are told how many books have been taken from the Library, amounting this year to 25,876. Without much thought and a very faint idea of the continued every-day labor involved in tabulating these many thousands of volumes, we read in exact numbers that so many were of prose fiction and juvenile books, so many of history and biography, so many of poetry and belles-lettres, so many of art, science, law and medicine, so many of voyages and travels, so many of periodicals, so many of religion, philosophy, social science and education, and so many of miscellaneous literature. And then we are aware, in a general way, that a great many persons visit the Athenæum for purposes of reading and

consultation, that the number is not small who, as strangers in the city, are drawn to the spot to observe what are its attractions, all of whom are to be treated courteously, and cheerfully shown whatever may be supposed to interest them. We are aware, too, in a general way, that the Librarian and his assistant are supposed to have some acquaintance with all the books in the Library, that they must inform themselves as to the sources of knowledge on all sorts of subjects, and be ready, with the least possible delay, to turn to the book or the periodical or the pamphlet in which is to be found the particular information which the inquirer seeks—that, in some sense, both these officers stake their professional reputation on being able to direct the inquisitive mind not merely to *a* source of knowledge, but to *the very best* source, so that precious time may not be wasted on what is inferior and unsatisfactory, when just the right page is close at hand to gratify curiosity or help honest research, if one only knew precisely where that page was to be found—that there must be patience with dullness, and imperturbable good-nature with heedlessness and stupidity—when one thinks of all this work to be done, and all these graces of character to be cultivated, he may well come to the conclusion that the situation of the executive officers of a Library of not far from 40,000 volumes, is no sinecure.

A Director chosen at the last Annual Meeting, Mr. John Pierce, having declined the position to which he had been elected, Rev. Francis H. Hemperley was chosen at the November Meeting of the Directors to take his place. At the December Meeting, a communication was presented from several gentlemen, shareholders in the

Athenæum, requesting that room be designated for the use of persons who might wish to engage in chess-playing, at such hours as they might select when the building was open. There appearing to be no serious objection to a compliance with such a request, at the January Meeting of the Board the following vote was unanimously passed:

"*Voted*, That in accordance with the request of certain shareholders of the Athenæum, the centre alcove on each side of the reading-room be designated for the playing of chess by way of experiment, for the period of three months from this date, on the following conditions, viz.:

First—That the privilege be confined to those who represent shares in this Corporation.

Secondly—That it be exercised in accordance with the rules of the institution, and

Thirdly—That the requisite apparatus be furnished without expense to the treasury."

The interest in the game, however great it may have been for a time, did not seem to be of sufficient strength to warrant a renewal of the petition at the end of the three months, and no further action on the matter has been taken by your Board. We regret to state that the Board has been obliged, in accordance with article four of the by-laws, to order the sale by auction of seven shares in consequence of the failure of their owners or the executors of the estates which they represented, to pay the taxes assessed on them. Some of these delinquencies were of long standing, and had greatly tried

the patience of your Treasurer in his efforts to secure their removal. It is hoped that the number of delinquents will be reduced to as low a figure as possible, and that all shareholders will carefully note the standing rule of the Athenæum that all assessments on their shares are to be paid *on or before the first day of October next after they are made* by the annual vote of the Corporation.

The Treasurer makes the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year:

RECEIPTS.

For eight new shares sold, . . .	$120 00
For taxes and fines, ...	3,645 15
For dividends and interest . . .	1,608 64
Total, ...	$5,373 79

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries, ...	$2,800 00
For books and periodicals, . . .	1,290 33
For other purpose, ...	1,329 99
Total, ...	$5,420 32

The by-laws of the Athenæum allow each shareholder to take out *two* books at a time. The question has been discussed by the Board whether the privilege of the shareholders might not be somewhat enlarged, so that this number might be increased. The Directors refer the matter to the shareholders and ask them to take such action on the subject as in their judgment may be deemed best.

The Librarian reports that the general stagnation in business which has prevailed throughout the country, and the shrinkage of property consequent upon it, which has been felt in this city it is believed as severely as anywhere, has not been without its effect upon the prosperity of the Athenæum. This is especially shown in the backwardness of shareholders in paying their annual dues to the institution, and partially, it is believed, in the reluctance of some to use their shares so long as the taxes were upaid. Would it not be well for the Corporation to pass a vote that no books shall be delivered on any share on which the tax is unpaid on the first of January after its assessment?

The additions to the library, as might have been expected, fall short of the usual average. The whole additions amount to seven hundred and nine volumes, one hundred and fifty pamphlets and two charts. Of these there were added,

By purchase,	413	vols.
By gift,	146	"
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,	150	"
Total,	709	

Of the pamphlets, 121 were given and 29 bought.

Classified according to size, the additions consist of

Folios,	65
Quartos,	38
Octavos,	412
Duodecimos and under,	194
Total,	709

The number of volumes at present in the Library is 36,568. It has been sometimes customary to mention in the Report, a few of the more important additions, but in reviewing the catalogue of accessions, those which might with propriety be named as such, bear so large a proportion to the whole, that it is better to refer those inquiring for them to the list of additions appended to the Report. It is sufficient to state that while no costly illustrated works and no specially expensive books of any kind are included in the purchases, the cost of the whole number bought is $2.44 per volume.

The gifts to the Library have been more than usual, both in number and value. That of forty-four volumes of newspapers from the Providence Press Company is specially deserving of notice. From Hon. Benjamin T. Eames and Senator Burnside we have received valuable congressional documents. To them and others who have favored us with gifts, a list of whom is given below, the thanks of the Corporation are respectfully tendered. Five new periodicals have been placed upon the tables of the Reading Room, namely, "The American Architect," a weekly journal; "The Library Journal," monthly, "The Nineteenth Century," "The Popular Science Monthly Supplement," and "The Radical Review," a quarterly journal. Eight new shares have been sold, most of which were sold by the special solicitation of the Committee of the Directors, and twenty-two have been transferred. No books have been delivered on thirty-seven shares. The whole number of volumes given out was 25,876.

Of prose fiction and juvenile books, . .	13,119
" history and biography, . . .	4,231
" poetry and belles-lettres, . . .	2,423
" art, science, law and medicine, . .	1,750
" periodicals, ...	1,333
" voyages and travels, . . .	1,292
" religion, philosophy, social science and education, ...	1,245
" miscellaneous literature, . . .	483
Total, ...	25,876

This is a little less than were issued last year. But the Library was closed for repairs one week more than usual, which will fully account for the difference. In comparing this table with that of last year, it will be seen that there is a considerable decrease in the demand for fiction, and a corresponding increase in the readers of history and biography, and poetry and belles-lettres, It may be that the supply of fiction was not equal to the the demand. The mere circumstance of having a few extra copies of very popular works, in whatever department of literature it may happen to be, will often make a decided difference in the number of issues in that department. The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his assistant, and only three volumes were found missing from the shelves and not accounted for, and these of very little value.

It is a source of the highest gratification to your Board of Directors, as it must be to many shareholders of this cherished institution, that we are able to make such a report of its present condition, and to cherish such

hopes as we do of its future prospects and usefulness. In seasons of such great depression as those through which for a few years we have been passing, it is not easy to tell how much solace many an anxious heart and many a depressed spirit has found in the abundant resources of culture and mental stimulus afforded within the walls of the Athenæum. Most impressive lessons have been taught us, of the instability of that which to us all has so many charms, the wealth we struggle so hard to gain, and put forth so many efforts to retain. The gifts of the intellect, the treasures of mind and heart—among the purest and the best of all our possessions—are not taken from us by the fluctuations of fortune, nor scattered by tempests which sweep away the earthly goods to which we so tenaciously cling. We are not insensible, we must not be, to the value of all efforts made to enlarge the material prosperity of our city and our State. Heaven has given us a fair heritage in the commonwealth which we are proud to call our home. Its resources have been wonderfully developed and pressed into service to add to our wealth and furnish facilities for our larger enjoyment of the necessaries and even the luxuries of life. But has not the time come when, with more impressive emphasis than ever, we may ask, whether the highest glory of a community is not to be found in well trained minds, in properly educated hearts rather than in mere material success. May we not ask in the words of that accomplished orator, that most finished scholar, the late Rufus Choate, "Is there a surer way of achieving the boast of Themistocles, that he knew how to make a small state a great one, than by making it wise, bright, knowing, apprehensive, quick-

witted, ingenious, thoughtful; by communicating to the whole mass of its people the highest degree of the most improved kind of education in its largest sense, which is compatible with the system of practical things; by beginning at the cradle, by teaching the infant lips with fire from heaven; by perfecting the methods of the free schools, and of all schools, so that the universal understanding shall be opened, kindled, guided at its very birth, and set forward, without the loss of a day, in the true path of intellectual life; by taking care that all the food of which the soul of the people eats shall be wholesome and nutritious—that the books and papers which they read, the sermons and speeches which they hear, shall possess at least a predominance of truth, fact, honesty of right and high thoughts, just and peaceful feeling; by providing institutions to guide the mature mind to the heights of knowledge; by collections of art and taste that shall unfold and instruct the love of beauty; by planting betimes the gardens of a divine philosophy, and spreading out the pavilion of the muses?"

We need to keep before us some such lofty aim as this to guard ourselves against the force of influences which are ever at work about us tending to lower morals, and make us the slaves rather than the lords of Mammon. Would it not be well if we were fired by the laudable ambition to make this metropolis of a small State what Athens was to the little commonwealth of Attica. With commendable pride we point to our manifold industries, and love to think of the city as a hive in which labor directed to so many worthy ends, finds a congenial home. With equal pride we point to all that has been done for

the intellectual elevation of our community. Here is to be found one of the most potent safeguards against the benumbing influence of mere material property. When cultivated mind directs labor, unfolding the hidden secrets of nature, with skill applying hitherto undeveloped forces to purposes of utility; when it opens new channels within which shall be made to flow streams of the wealth which it teaches men to consecrate to high and noble purposes—when, by chosen words and fitting terms, it exalts virtue and bravery and heroism, and stimulates men to a better life by the inculcation of exalted precepts, and enforces these precepts by the presentation of bright examples of all that is worthy and good — when it seeks to develop, to mould and bring into active exercise all the best faculties of body, mind and heart, doing what it may to lift up a whole community, and keeping before men's eyes the purest ideals of all that is true and just and lovely, then we say it best conforms to the purpose of Him who made man after His own "image and likeness." And just how much such an institution as this, properly conducted, filled with ever increasing stores of knowledge and wisdom, and silently but powerfully influencing scores and hundreds who avail themselves of its privileges, how much it does for the right training of the mind which controls and guides in all civil and social affairs, it is not easy to tell. We have the profound conviction that not a few of our fellow citizens, as they do not comprehend, so they do not appreciate the value of the great privileges we enjoy for the highest mental culture, that they do not see what opportunities are presented for the richer improvement of themselves and the families that

are growing up around them, by bringing them in closer contact with the master spirits of all climes and all times, and so lifting them above the frivolities and the littlenesses which occupy so much thought and attention, and making them in all respects worthier members of society. The forty-two years which have elapsed since the Athenæum was founded have brought us to a period in its history when we feel no shame in calling attention to it, both as an exponent and a cultivator of the intellectual life of our city. Once we might have appealed to our citizens as beggars to put us in possession of stores of mental wealth, which other communities were garnering, and of which we were sadly deficient. As beggars, in this sense, we no longer make our appeals. But we do ask that, as we have collected so much that is costly, so much that will prove healthful and nutritious to a hungry mind, that they will come to the ample feast which we have spread for them, and of which we invite them to partake, almost literally, "without money and without price." We are willing to acknowledge that we earnestly desire to extend the influence and widen the usefulness of the institution, for whose fortunes we have cared during the past year. And all this may be done at a cost comparatively so small, that we venture to press upon the attention, especially of heads of families and all who are thirsting for the knowledge gathered up in the volumes on our shelves, that they avail themselves at once of all the privileges to which, as stockholders, they will be justly entitled. We assure them, with a depth of conviction which comes from personal experience and wide observation, that the reward which they will gain in better trained minds, and, with

the divine blessing, better cultivated hearts, will be an hundred-fold compensation for any little self-denial practiced to secure the rights and enjoy the immunities to which, as proprietors of this institution, they can lay lawful claim.

Submitted in behalf and by order of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

C. P. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Allen, Zachariah	1	.....
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	.....	1
Anthony Gardiner C	.....	2
Arnold, Samuel G	.....	1
Bailey, William W., "New England Journal of Education," and	2	2
Bartlett, John R., Jr	.....	1
Beckwith, Henry T., "The Spirit of Missions," and "The	.....	.....
Churchman,"	.....	.....
Bourne, Joseph H	2	.....
Brigham, Charles H., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	1	.....
Brinley, Francis, *Newport, R. I*	.....	1
Brown, Samuel W	1	.....
Burnside, Ambrose E., "The Congressional Record," 2d Sess.,	.....	.....
44th Congress	.....	.....
Bushee, James, *Worcester, Mass*	.....	1
Caswell, Alexis	.....	2
Caswell, Edward T	1	.....
Chace, *Mrs.* George I	.....	1
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Edes, Richard S., *Bolton, Mass*	.....	1
Ernst, Carl W	.....	6
Farnum, Alexander	.....	1
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Foster, William E	1	.....
Gammell, William	.....	6
Gates, Charles H	.....	5
Guild, Reuben A	.....	1
Hedge, J. D., "Providence Daily Journal," "International Re-	.....	.....
view," "Journal of Speculatlve Philosophy," "Radical Re-	.....	.....
view," and	30	1
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*	.....	1
Hubbard, Luther Prescott, *New York City*	.....	1
Jenks, J. W. P	1	.....
Jillson, David, *South Attleboro', Mass*	1	.....
Laurie, Thomas	.....	4
Leeds, Josiah W., *Germantown, Pa*	1	.....
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Miller, Horace G	1	1
Parsons, Charles W	1	.....
Rawson, Henry M	.....	1
Rice, Howard M	4	.....
Rogers, C. R. P., *Annapolis, Md*	1	.....
Sawyer, John W	.....	1
Schubarth, Niles B	1	.....

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Snow, Edwin M	2	.....
Stockwell, Thomas B	1	.....
Titus, Charles B., *Boston, Mass*	.....	4
Upham, William Phineas, *Salem, Mass*	.....	1
Ward, Elijah H., *New York City*	1	.....
Williams, James, *Columbus, Ohio*	1	.....
Woodbury, Augustus	.....	1
American Antiquarian Society	.....	3
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Unitarian Association, "The Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine,"	.....	.....
Anonymous	4	3
Apprentices' Library, *New York City*	.....	2
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Brazilian Centennial Commission, *Philadelphia, Pa*	.....	1
Bronson Library Fund Agents	.....	2
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
City of Boston	1	.....
Cobden Club, *London*	3	.....
Committee on the National Centennial Commemoration, *Philadelphia, Pa*	.....	1
Fall River Public Library	.....	1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York City*	.....	1
Lawrence Free Public Library	.....	5
Macmillan & Co	1	.....
Manchester, England, Public Free Library	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association, *New York City*	1	.....
Mercantile Library Association, *San Francisco, Cal*	.....	1
Mercantile Library Company, *Philadelphia, Pa*	.....	1
New Bedford Free Public Library	1	.....
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass*	.....	1
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Rhode Island Board of Education	1	.....
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United States Bureau of Education	2	1
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" " Department of the Interior	.....	3
" " Department of State	1	.....
" " Department of the Treasury	1	.....
" " Library of Congress	1	1
" " Patent Office, The Official Gazette, Index of Patents and	1	.....
Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquities	.....	1
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo, N. Y*	.....	1
Young Men's Institute, *Hartford, Conn*	.....	2
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, *Cincinnati, Ohio*	.....	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 25, 1876			$1,242 88

RECEIPTS.

For eight new shares sold at $15	$120 00	
For tax assessed September 25, 1876, collected on 637 shares	3,185 00	
For tax assessed September 27, 1875, collected on 25 shares	125 00	
For seven shares sold for non-payment of taxes	70 00	
For shares rented	41 25	
For fines collected	223 90	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,608 64	
		$5,373 79
		$6,616 67

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$88[illegible] 47		
For periodicals	406 86		
For binding	279 95		
For stationery and record-book	34 65		
For salaries	2,800 00		
For fuel	141 60		
For gas	113 41		
For water	10 00		
For express and postage	30 80		
For printing report and advertising	153 12		
For repairs	370 59		
For insurance	29 50		
For furniture	100 05		
For labor on building and grounds	37 19		
For sundries	13 31		
		$5,404 50	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.		1,212 17	$6,616 67

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank—par value	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank—par value	3,150 00
10 Delaware and Hudson Canal registered Bonds—par value	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.	12,000 00
	$27,000 00

Tax unpaid on 38 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 24, 1877.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1877.

	Share, No.
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell John W.	287
Angell W. I.	660
Anthony Henry	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Samuel G.	58
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William R., 2d.	217
Arnold William S.	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Baker George	226
Balch John R.	339
Balch Joseph*	205
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou David	48
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Becker Alexander R.	13
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Truman	19
Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Bennett Charles E.	584
Beverly George	342
Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Charles	530

* Deceased.

Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Blodget Wiliiam P.*	387
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Charles E.	267
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
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Bowen Henry	198
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Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyd Thomas, Jr.	597
Bradford Joseph	250
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton George A., (Warwick)	366
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Broadway Meth. Episcopal Church	484
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter,* estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
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Brown William Waterman	219
Brown William Whipple	466
Browne George H.	585
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Stephen	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin James C.	373
Bucklin Simon S.	168
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, the Directors present this their Forty-Third Annual Report to the Shareholders of the Athenæum.

At the first regular meeting of the Directors, William Gammell, Esq., was re-elected President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., Vice-President. Dr. Geo. A. Pierce declining to serve as a Director, A. L. Calder, Esq., was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The financial condition of the Athenæum is a cause for congratulation to all its friends. Its invested funds have not been diminished, nor its income curtailed, during a period in which almost every similar institution has suffered more or less severely. More than one such library has had its usefulness seriously impaired by the losses incident to the present shrinkage in values, and one in a neighboring city has lost to the extent of half its funds. In our investments, some important changes have been made, which the Directors think will be permanently beneficial. Ten thousand five hundred dollars have been taken from the participation account in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company to purchase bonds of the Buffalo, New York and Erie R. R., bring-

ing a higher rate of interest. Ten thousand dollars in Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.'s bonds have been exchanged for those of the Syracuse, Binghamton and New York R. R., guaranteed, and bearing seven per cent. interest. That these changes were judicious is seen by the fact that in both instances the market value of the securities has materially increased since they have been held by the Athenæum.

The Treasurer makes the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year: —

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold	$ 90 00
For taxes and fines	3,773 07
For dividends and interest	1,432 96
	$5,296 03

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries	$2,800 00
For books and periodicals	1,293 21
For other purposes	888 32
	$4,981 53

The building and grounds, owing to previous care and attentions, have been in such good condition, that an unusually small outlay for repairs has been required. Some necessary work upon the heating apparatus, in preparation for the coming winter, is now going on, but the outlay will not appear in this year's account.

The Librarian states that he can congratulate the Proprietors of the Athenæum on the progress made during

the last year in the affairs of the institution. In looking over the reports of various other libraries, he finds that in many there has been a large falling off in the use of them, as indicated by the decrease of their circulation, and in some a more serious loss in the diminution of their funds by bad investments. The Athenæum has fortunately suffered nothing on this last account. Owing to the hard times, there has been some backwardness of shareholders in paying their annual dues, but there have been no losses. Our circulation has fallen off a few hundred. When the Public Library was opened, it was predicted by many that it would seriously diminish the call for books from this library. But such has certainly not been the case. The falling off has been mostly in months before the Public Library was opened, and is due to other causes easily accounted for. In some of the months since that library was opened, our circulation was even larger than last year.

The additions to the library consist of 685 volumes, 152 pamphlets, 4 maps, and 1 atlas.

Of the volumes there were added —

By purchase	475 vols.
By gift	50 "
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets.	160 "
Total	685 vols.

Classified according to size, we have —

Folios	20
Quartos	52
Octavos	410
Duodecimos and under . . .	203
Total	685

The average cost of the volumes purchased is $1.87¼. The whole number of volumes now in the library is 37,253. A list of those who have favored the institution with gifts is appended to this Report, and the thanks of the Corporation is hereby tendered to them. It will be noticed that our accessions from this source are much smaller than usual.

Six new shares have been sold, and twenty-two transferred. Twenty-six shares were not used. The number of volumes circulated was 25,077, namely: —

Of prose fiction and juvenile books .	11,941
" history and biography . . .	4,449
" poetry and belles-lettres . . .	2,538
" art, science, law, and medicine . .	1,802
" religion, philosophy, social science, and education	1,488
" voyages and travels . . .	1,207
" periodicals	1,094
" miscellaneous literature . . .	558
Total	25,077

The most noticeable feature in this statement of the circulation, when compared with that of last year, is the fact that while the falling off in the whole circulation is less than 800, the decline in the department of fiction is 1,278. Of course, there was corresponding increase in other classes, as history and biography, poetry and belles-lettres, religion and philosophy. This is the first time in a long series of years that the issues in the class of prose fiction have not been more than half of the whole number of books circu-

lated. The reason undoubtedly is, that the supply of this kind of books has been small. There have been but few good novels published, and the Library Committee have wisely judged that it would be more for the welfare of the library to place books of permanent value on the shelves, even if not so eagerly called for, deeming it more important what books were read, than how many.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his assistant, and only three books found missing from the shelves and not accounted for, namely,

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14. 21. J.	History of Lawyers.	By William Forsyth. 8°.

The Librarian cannot close without expressing his high appreciation of the valuable services of his assistant, Miss Mary M. Angell. It is mainly owing to her watchful care and untiring industry that he has been enabled to make so favorable a report of the affairs of the Athenæum.

In addition to the valuable donations of books received during the year, the Athenæum has been the recipient of a choice work of art, now become doubly precious as a memento of its gifted and lamented donor. Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman transmitted to the Athenæum, through the President, a miniature likeness of her father, the late Nicholas Power, painted by Malbone, and said to be an excellent specimen of the work of that artist. This was accompanied by the autograph receipt of the painter for the price of his work. The Athenæum being already in possession of the well-known "Hours" by the same artist, the Directors have ar-

ranged that the two pictures should be framed together in a way to display their merits to the best advantage. They also directed the President to thank the accomplished author and poet by letter in the name of the Athenæum. She has since passed away, leaving a name honored and loved for her kindly virtues, and admired for her talents and accomplishments.

During the past year death has taken away one who was a firm friend and generous patron of the Athenæum, ex-Governor Seth Padelford. To his munificence we are indebted for several of our most valuable illustrated works on art. One rare and desirable set of books, which he himself purchased in Europe for this Library, having been lost on the voyage, was replaced by him at his own expense, as he was not willing to have his generous intentions thwarted by such an accident. Let us gratefully remember his generosity, and let us hope that others will rise up to take the place of those who in former years gave so liberally of their means, to the perpetual benefit of this institution.

Mr. George Baker, who for a long period has served as chairman of the Auditing Committee, also died since our last report. He was one of the constituent members of this corporation, a director during its earliest years, and always identified with its best interests. The Directors desire to place here on record their high estimation of his services to the Athenæum, and of his character and worth as a citizen.

In accordance with a vote of the shareholders, referring the subject to the Directors, permission was granted to those having the privileges of the library, to take out additional volumes on payment of ten cents

for each volume more than the two previously allowed. It appears that the sum of $9.40 has been received for books so taken, showing the whole number to have been ninety-four. This is considered a very satisfactory exhibit, in view of the fact that the rule has only been in operation since the first day of March, a little more than six months. This period also includes that portion of the year in which the library is least used. When the provisions of this rule become more generally known, it is likely a much greater number of shareholders will avail themselves of it. It seems a simple and practical solution of a question which for some time has been frequently brought to our consideration. The burden of so slight a tax is trifling, compared with the benefit derived in many instances; as, for example, when one is engaged in studying the authorities on some special subject.

Two events have occurred during the past year, interesting to all the inhabitants of our city who are fond of books, one of which was alluded to by anticipation in our last report, — the opening of the Public Library, and the completion of the Library Building of Brown University. The Providence Public Library is no longer an experiment. Opened on the 1st of February, with upwards of ten thousand volumes on its shelves, its uses were appreciated from the start by those for whom it was designed. In the few months which have since passed, books have been taken out and returned aggregating several times the whole number on hand, additions have been rapidly made, and the whole managed in a manner highly beneficial to the public who benefit by it, and creditable to its managers, some of whom bring to it the

experience they have gained in connection with our own library. There has been no diminution in the number of our own book-takers in consequence of this additional supply of reading matter. Each institution will have its special field of usefulness. Our own shares will be rendered more valuable than before, as we are enabled to apply our funds to the purchase of books of more permanent value, if less useful for popular education. May the new Public Library prosper according to its fortunate beginning.

This year has also witnessed the completion of the elegant new building for the Library of Brown University. A valuable collection of books is rendered doubly precious when stored in commodious, well lighted, and comfortable apartments. The work of its guardians is relieved of much of its tediousness and difficulty by the admirable arrangement of its interior. Its elegant and substantial appearance exteriorly is a credit to its builders, its founders, and to the ancient University. If the Athenæum has passed a quiet and uneventful year in its own household, it has witnessed with deep satisfaction the birth of a younger sister, and the establishment of its elder one in a permanent and elegant home.

The Directors in many previous reports have testified to the efficiency and faithfulness of our Librarian, so large a portion of whose life has been devoted to the best interests of the Athenæum. His zeal and interest are undiminished. In the list of donors his name always stands prominent. For almost a quarter of a century he has been found at his post, rarely leaving it, even for what others would consider the necessary recreation and

rest. To him are due in no small measure the present success and prosperity of the Athenæum.

In closing, we would commend to the Shareholders of the Athenæum the diligent use of its privileges, as the best means of promoting its interests. It is thus that we shall become duly appreciative of its present value and its future needs and possibilities. Let each one endeavor to increase its funds by obtaining new shareholders from among his friends. Let those who are able add to its shelves contributions of rare or standard volumes from their private stores. By such hearty co-operation, we might increase in manifold ratio the benefits which we ourselves derive from it, and make our cherished institution, more than ever, an ornament and a blessing to the community.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

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Chapin, William W		1
Childs, George W., *Philadelphia, Pa*		1
Cleveland, H. W. S., *Chicago, Ill*	1	
Crosby, Nathan, *Lowell, Mass*	1	
Cross, James M		1
Davis, J. Bancroft, *Worcester, Mass*		1
Diman, J. Lewis		1
Doyle, Thomas A	1	
Eames, Benj. T		2
Farnum, Alexander		1
Gammell, William	1	
Gates, Charles H., "Six Periodicals," and		3
Gorton, D. A., *New York City*, "The National Quarterly Review"		
Greene, George Washington, *East Greenwich, R. I*		2
Harrison, George L., *Philadelphia, Pa*	1	
Hedge, J. D., "Providence Daily Journal," "International Review," "Journal of Speculative Philosophy," and	4	2
Hemperley, Francis H		1
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*		4
Hubbard, Luther P., *New York City*		1
Miller, Horace G	1	
Northrop, Birdsey Grant, *New Haven, Conn*	4	
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C*		1
Parsons, Charles W	1	3
Sears, Barnas, *Staunton, Va*		1
Southwick, Miss	1	
Steiger, E., *New York City*	1	
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Titus, Charles H., *Boston, Mass*	.....	4
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Woodbury, Augustus	1	3
American Antiquarian Society	.....	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Unitarian Association, "The Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine"	.....	.....
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Boston Public Library	.....	5
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Chicago Public Library	.....	1
City of Fall River, Mass	1	.....
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General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of New York City	.....	1
Hartford Library Association	.....	1
Lawrence Free Public Library	.....	5
Manchester, England, Free Public Library	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of *New York City*	.....	2
Mercantile Library of *Philadelphia*	.....	1
New Bedford Free Public Library	.....	1
Nicholson File Company	1	.....
Odd Fellows Library Association of *San Francisco*	.....	1
Philadelphia Library Company	.....	2
Reid, J. A. & R. A.	.....	1
R. I. Chapter of American Institute of Architects	.....	1
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Rogers Free Library, *Bristol, R. I.*	.....	2
Smithsonian Institution	1	.....
State of Rhode Island	2	2
Superintendent of Coast Survey	2	.....
Taunton Public Library	1	2
United States Bureau of Education	1	1
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" " Chief of Engineers, 1 Atlas, 3 Maps, and	6	.....
" " Department of the Interior	1	.....
" " Department of State	1	1
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Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
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Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo	.....	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 24, 1877			$1,212 17

RECEIPTS.

For six new shares sold at $15	$ 90 00	
For tax assessed September 27, 1875, collected on 1 share	5 00	
For tax assessed September 25, 1876, collected on 27 shares	135 00	
For tax assessed September 24, 1877, collected on 655 shares	3,275 00	
For four shares sold for non-payment of taxes	41 50	
For shares rented	71 91	
For fines collected	235 26	
For extra books	9 40	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,432 96	
		$5,296 03
		$6,508 20

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$ 913 70		
For periodicals	379 51		
For binding	337 14		
For stationery and record-books	33 90		
For salaries	2,800 00		
For fuel	106 00		
For gas	107 20		
For water	10 00		
For express and postage	25 61		
For printing report and advertising	153 78		
For repairs	33 07		
For insurance	47 10		
For labor on building and grounds	16 23		
For furniture	12 04		
For sundries	6 25		
For premium on ten Syracuse, Binghamton & N. Y. R. R. Bonds bought for investment	100 00		
		$5,081 53	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.		1,426 67	$6,508 20

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank — par value	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank — par value	3,150 00
10 Buffalo, N. Y. and Erie registered Bonds — par value	10,000 00
10 Syracuse, Binghamton & N. Y. registered Bonds — par value	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.	1,500 00
	$26,500 00

Tax unpaid on 31 shares.

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, *Sept.* 23, 1878.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1878.

	Share, No.
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Akerman Charles	350
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
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Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M.	195
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Anthony Henry	44
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Armington James H.	331
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Arnold Christopher B.	316
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Bailey Benjamin D.	516
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6 owners of two shares each	12
1 owner of three shares	3
1 owner of five shares	5
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LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1877—AUGUST 31, 1878.

1. ACHARD, A. La famille Guillemot. Paris, 1860. 16°.
2. ADAMS, H., *editor*. Documents relating to New England federalism, 1800-1815. Bost., 1877. 8°.
3. ADVENTURES of Mr. Sydenham Greenfinch, gentleman. L., 1854. Sm. 8°.
4. ALDRICH, T. B. The queen of Sheba. Bost., 1877. 16°.
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6. AMICIS, E. de. Constantinople. Translated from the seventh Italian edition by Caroline Tilton. N. Y., 1878. 12°.
7. ANGELL, H. C., *M. D.* How to take care of our eyes, with advice in regard to the management of the eyes of children. B., 1878. 16°.
8. ARBER, E., *editor*. A transcript of the registers of the Company of stationers of London, 1554-1640, A. D. L. January 1, 1875-May 1, 1877. 4 vols. 4°.
9. ARBUTHNOT, J., *M. D.* Miscellaneous works. With an account of the author's life. L., 1770. 2 vols. 12°.
10. AUERBACH, B. Landolin. Tr. by A. B. Irish. Bost., 1878. 16°. [Leisure-hour series.]
11. BAKER, H. Medulla poetarum Romanorum; or, the most beautiful and instructive passages of the Roman poets with translations of the same in English verse. L., 1737. 2 vols. 8°.
12. BANCHERO, G. La tavola di bronzo, il pallio di seta, ed il codice Colombo Americano nuovamente illustrati per cura di G. Banchero. Genova, 1857. Gr. 8°.
13. BARCLAY, J. The Talmud. With illustrations and plan of the Temple. L., 1878. 8°.
14. BARTLETT. J. R. Dictionary of Americanisms. Fourth ed. Greatly improved and enlarged. Bost., 1877. 8°.
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, the Directors herewith present their Forty-fourth Annual Report to the Shareholders of the Athenæum.

The Board of Directors was organized, at its first regular meeting, by the reëlection of William Gammell, Esq., as President, and Alexander Farnum, Esq., as Vice-President. The President having been absent from the country during a large part of the year, the duties pertaining to his office have been faithfully discharged by the Vice-President.

For the first time in twenty-five years we hold our annual meeting without the presence of one whose name and labors have become forever identified with the history of the Providence Athenæum. The memory of not a few of the present shareholders, indeed, will fail to recall the time when any other name than that of Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was connected with its office of Librarian, and by these, as well as the older members, the remembrance of his scholarly tastes, his genial bearing, and his self-forgetful efforts in their behalf will long be most affectionately cherished. With a deep sense of the loss this Institution has sustained

and of its great obligations to Mr. Hedge for his long and faithful service, the Board of Directors, at a meeting held on the evening of September 1st, unanimously voted that the following minute be entered on its records:

On the morning of August 23d, 1879, there died, at his residence in this city, in the 71st year of his age, J. DUNHAM HEDGE, the eminently faithful Librarian of this institution for over twenty-five years, having begun his term of service at the beginning of April, 1854. With the belief that, permanent as are the obligations of the Athenæum to his predecessors in office, Mr. Hedge's connection with it must forever form an epoch in its existence, the Directors cannot suffer this event to pass without an official expression of their conviction of the extraordinary value of his services. Coming to us in the full plenitude of his powers, with a technical knowledge of books of a high order, with a singularly wide and accurate acquaintance with what is best in ancient and modern literature, from the very first Mr. Hedge devoted himself to the duties of his position with rare earnestness, assiduity and skill. In them he found both his vocation and his avocation. During the whole of his long period of service he persistently declined to take periods for rest and recreation, and all offers to relieve him of some portion of his labor at times when his bodily strength was impaired by physical suffering, he met with a determined refusal unless such relief were furnished at his own expense.

And great as are the obligations of the Athenæum and its patrons to Mr. Hedge for this zealous and skillful discharge of the duties of his position, they are perhaps still more profound for the evidence he gave of its possibilities. More of a scholar and a reader than he was a mere bibliographer, Mr. Hedge placed his ample store of knowledge of the contents of books at the service of every inquirer with a cordial readiness which enhanced the value of the assistance, so that while his advice in the selection of books for purchase was most valuable, in the proper use and in the increase of the availability of our literary accumulations, its importance can hardly be over-estimated.

Nor does this mention of his qualifications for his post and of his methods in meeting its responsibilities exhaust the measure of the Athenæum's indebtedness to its late librarian. Among its list of donors he stands in the first rank. In the annual list of those who have contributed to our collections during the year his name is never wanting, but he always forbade the mention of the fact, that not infrequently the value of his year's gifts exceeded the combined worth of all other donations. The aggregate number of volumes given to the Athenæum by Mr. Hedge would form a respectable fraction of the whole library, and it was only his extreme modesty which prevented the directors from giving, in their annual reports to the shareholders, frequent and emphatic expression to their appreciation of his generosity and their sense of his worth.

To those who knew Mr. Hedge as a man or as a librarian these words will have no conventional sound. Of unswerving loyalty as a friend, of a sweetness of temper which nothing could disturb, of a gentleness of manner which nothing could ruffle, of a generosity limited only by his means, of a catholicity in the use of his mental gifts and acquirements which could not be surpassed, Mr. Hedge combined in a conspicuous degree the characteristics of the Christian, the gentleman and the scholar.

At a special meeting of the board, held on the 8th of September, Mr. Daniel Beckwith, of this city, was unanimously elected to the vacant position of librarian and at once entered upon the duties of the office.

During the past year, the Assistant Librarian, Miss Mary M. Angell, has had, in the enforced absence of Mr. Hedge, the almost entire charge of the Library. The Directors take great pleasure in acknowledging the thoroughness and efficiency with which she has performed the extraordinary duties thus devolved upon her, and have not allowed her labors to pass without a more substantial remuneration. For a large part of the year Mr. D. Berkeley Updike has been employed to

assist the Acting Librarian, and has discharged his duties to the acceptance of all.

The Treasurer makes the following report of the financial condition of the Athenæum:

RECEIPTS.

For one new share sold,	$ 15 00
For taxes and fines,	3,633 22
For dividends and interest,	1,700 58
	$5,348 80

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries,	$3,300 00
For books and periodicals,	1,178 07
For other purposes,	887 58
	$5,365 65

The additions to the Library during the past year consist of 627 volumes, 174 pamphlets, 10 maps, and 2 atlases. Of the volumes there were added:

By purchase,	433
By gift,	64
By binding periodicals,	130
	627

Classified according to size we have

Folios,	36
Quartos,	40
Octavos,	321
Duodecimos and under,	230
	627

The average cost of the volumes purchased is $1.82.

A list of those who have favored the Library with gifts is appended to this report, and the thanks of the Corporation are hereby tendered to them. Although our acquisitions from this source have been somewhat smaller than usual, they include two valuable gifts, viz., 16 volumes of The Congressional Record, presented by Hon. Benj. T. Eames, and seven numbers (56–62) of "*Le Case ed i Monumenti di Pompei*," presented by Mr. Holder Borden Bowen.

The number of volumes given out during the year was 23,148, viz:

Of prose fiction and juvenile books,	10,856
" history and biography,	3,920
" poetry and belles-letters,	2,412
" art, science, law and medicine,	1,672
" religion, philosophy, social science and education,	1,496
" voyages and travels,	1,469
" periodicals,	845
" miscellaneous literature,	478
Total,	23,148

The largest number taken out in any month, 2,389, was in March, and the largest number in any single day, 192, was on February 8.

It may be noticed that there has been quite a falling off, for the last year, in the circulation of works of fiction. This has been probably largely due to the fact that so few good novels have been published of late that the Library Committee did not feel warranted in extending their purchases in this direction. At the

same time, the circulation of books treating of religion, philosophy, social science and education has increased slightly, and that of books of voyages and travels, very considerably.

The Library has been carefully examined by the Librarian and his assistant, who find that nine books are missing from the shelves.

The Board feel it their duty to call the attention of the shareholders again to the matter of unpaid taxes. At the annual meeting in 1877, it was voted "that the Board of Directors take into consideration the propriety of withholding the privileges of the Athenæum from all shareholders the taxes on whose shares should remain unpaid on the first of January next after they were assessed." The matter was referred by the Board to a special committee who, after considerable discussion, and in consideration of the particular fact, among others, that some of the shareholders were suffering from the unusual depression in business, decided to take no immediate action thereon. But since that time the evil has increased rather than diminished until this year there are fifty shares on which the annual assessment is still due. Of course there may be cases in which this is unavoidable, but the delinquency is probably for the most part due to carelessness or neglect. The Board would like to refer the whole matter to the shareholders, and inquire whether it be their pleasure to enact some by-law by which the first of January or some not much later date be fixed upon as the limit beyond which the use of the shares shall be suspended, until the annual tax shall have been paid.

During the past year a larger number than usual of

shareholders, some of whom had been connected with this Institution for many years, have been removed by death. Among them was Mr. Henry G. Gladding, a member of your Auditing Committee, and for several years an almost daily visitor to the Athenæum.

The Providence Athenæum was established at a time when this country contained but few libraries, and those for the most part of inconsiderable size. But within the last thirty years the number of both public and private institutions of a similar character has increased in a manifold ratio, until now the organization and administration of libraries has assumed almost the proportions of a science. In connection with this growth and development has the office of a librarian acquired a new significance and importance. With the constantly increasing number of readers, and the eager desire for information in all branches of knowledge that characterizes the present time, few persons have so large an opportunity for guiding the intellectual tastes and pursuits of a community as the guardians of its libraries. And to these new demands and responsibilities they have given a noble response. Not only by their careful attention to the details of their occupation, but by the earnest and intelligent spirit which they are bringing to the discussion of the varied relations of libraries to the communities in which they exist, have they fairly earned for their calling the dignity of a profession, and awakened a general interest in the subject which augurs well for the future usefulness of our repositories of learning.

That the shareholders of the Athenæum may catch this generous spirit of enthusiasm and insist that *it* shall

fall into this new line of progress and keep pace with the future growth and prosperity of our beautiful city, is a result most earnestly to be desired.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

W. M. BAILEY, Jr., *Secretary.*

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Addeman, Joshua M., *Secretary of State*	2	3
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*		4
Anthony, Walter E., *Sec. R. I. Medical Society*		1
Austin, *Miss* K. H.		1
Bailey, W. Whitman, the "New England Journal of Education," and		2
Barber, George W., *Milwaukee County, Wis.*		2
Becker, Alexander R.		1
Beckwith, Henry T., "The Spirit of Missions" and "The Churchman"		
Bowen, Holder B., "Le Case ed i Monumenti di Pompei," 7 numbers		
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston, Mass.* 28 Broadsides, and		4
Brigham, Charles H., *Ann Arbor, Mich.*	1	
Brinley, Francis, *Newport*		1
Brown, Obadiah, Trustees of Benevolent Fund of	1	
Burnside, Ambrose E.	12	2
Chace, George I., *Pres. R. I. Hospital*		4
Chapin, William W., *Sec. Board of State Charities and Corrections*		1
Cheever, Tracy P., *Boston, Mass.*		3
Cowing, *Miss* Frances	1	
Cross, James M., *City Auditor*		1
Douglas, Charles H. J.	1	
Drowne, Henry T., *New York city*		1
Eames, Benjamin T., the "Congressional Record"	16	
Eaton, Amasa M.		5
Ernst, Carl W.	5	46
Fisher, Charles H., *Sec. State Board of Health*	1	
Foster, William E., *Librarian, Public Library*		1
Gates, Charles H.		2
Gatschet, Albert S., *Washington, D. C.*		1
Harris, William T., *St. Louis, Mo.*	2	1
Hedge, J. Dunham, "Providence Daily Journal," and "Journal of Speculative Philosophy"		
Homer, Joseph W.		1
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn.*		1
Howgate, Henry W., *U. S. Army*		1
Kidder, Frederic		1
Lane, James P., *Bristol*		2
Laurie, Thomas		4
Mason, George C., jr., *Newport*		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Miller, Horace G.	3	2
Mullins, J. D., *Birmingham, England*	.....	1
Osgood, Samuel, *New York city*	.....	1
Patten, George W., *U. S. army*	.....	2
Ray, Isaac, *Philadelphia, Pa*	1	.....
Rice, Howard M.	1	.....
Round, William M. F., *Boston, Mass*	2	.....
Sawyer, John W.	.....	1
Sears, Barnas, *Staunton, Va*	.....	1
Slafter, Edmund F., *Boston, Mass*	1	.....
Stockwell, Thomas B., *School Commissioner*	1	1
Titus, Charles H., *Boston, Mass*	.....	1
Walling, H. F., *Boston, Mass*	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus	.....	1
American Antiquarian Society	.....	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Unitarian Association, "The Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine"	.....	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	2
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Buffalo, Young Men's Association	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Cincinnati Mercantile Library Association	.....	1
Cleveland Public School Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	1
Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences	.....	1
Gorham Manufacturing Company	.....	1
Hartford Library Association	.....	3
Lawrence Public Library	.....	5
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
New Bedford Free Public Library	.....	1
Newport, Redwood Library Association	.....	2
New York Apprentices Library	.....	1
New York General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen	.....	1
Ohio, Auditor of the State of	1	.....
Philadelphia Library Company	.....	1
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library of	.....	2
Reid, J. A. & R. A.	.....	3
Smithsonian Institution	7	.....
Springfield, *Mass.*, Library Association of	.....	1
United States, Bureau of Education	.....	1
" " Bureau of Statistics	.....	5
" " Chief of Engineers, 1 Atlas, 10 Maps, and	5	2
" " Department of the Treasury	.....	1
" " Library of Congress	.....	1
" " Patent Office, "The Official Gazette"	.....	.....
Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	.....	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 23, 1878,		$1,426 67

RECEIPTS.

For one new share sold	$ 15 00	
For tax assessed September 24, 1877, collected on 18 shares	90 00	
For tax assessed September 23, 1878, collected on 642 shares	3,210 00	
For four shares sold for non-payment of taxes	40 00	
For shares rented	62 00	
For fines collected	211 42	
For extra books	19 80	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,700 58	
		$5,348 80
		$6,775 47

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$ 804 65		
For periodicals	373 42		
For binding	340 82		
For stationery	12 75		
For salaries	3,300 00		
For fuel	116 80		
For gas	128 87		
For water	10 00		
For express and postage	12 80		
For printing report and advertising	134 53		
For repairs	15 01		
For insurance	23 50		
For labor on building	21 12		
For furniture	13 37		
For supplies	58 01		
		$5,365 65	
Balance this day in R. I. Hospital Trust Co.		1,409 82	
			$6,775 47

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank—par value	$ 1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank—par value	3,150 00
10 Buffalo, N. Y., and Erie registered bonds—par value	10,000 00
10 Syracuse, Binghampton & N. Y., registered bonds—par value,	10,000 00
Deposit on participation in R. I. Hospital Trust Co	1,500 00
	$26,500 00

Tax unpaid on 50 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, *Sept.* 22, 1879.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1879.

	Share, No.
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M.	195
Angell Willard I.	660
Anthony Henry	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
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Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Samuel G.	58
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George*	226
Balch John R.	339
Balch Joseph*	205
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barnes Harriet M.	596
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Becker Alexander R.	13
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
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Bennett Charles E.	584
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Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Charles	530
Blanding William B.	40
Blodgett Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
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*Deceased.

Borden Holder* (Fall River) 288
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Greenwood Harriet W. 654
Gregory Harry 646
Grinnell Mrs. Richard W. 302
Grosvenor William 108
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Hale Isaac 382
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Harris Amanda G. 281
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Harris David S. 112
Harris George J.* 151
Harris Henry P.* 24
Harris Isabel 680
Harris Stephen 391
Harris Thomas 353
Harrison Charles E. 682
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Hartshorn Joseph C. 644
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Hayward Thomas W. 563
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Hazard Edward H. 583
Hazard George P. 529
Hazard Rowland 615
Hedge Frederic H., Jr. 238
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Hill Nathaniel P. (Colorado) 688
Hill Paris* 134
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Hilton William D. 114
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Miller Frederick 518
Miller Horace G. 632
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Morse Alpheus C. 588
Moulton & Ingraham 506
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Mowry Scott W. 300
Mowry William G. R. 10
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Upon the organization of the Board, at its first meeting, Mr. Daniel Beckwith was re-elected Librarian and Miss Mary M. Angell Assistant Librarian for the ensuing year. The shareholders have had abundant opportunity to note for themselves the admirable efficiency and courtesy of the Librarian and his assistant in the discharge of their duties. They have especially promoted the convenience of the shareholders by taking account of the condition of the library without the usual calling in of the books and suspending their circulation, at a season when readers, returning from their summer absences, are more than commonly eager to make use of the privileges of the Athenæum.

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For books and periodicals, ...	1534 01
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There have been thirty-two transfers of shares and two new shares have been sold. Seventy shares have not been used.

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The number of volumes added to the library during the past year is greater than usual. Besides the books of permanent value, two or more copies of many books of current interest have been bought, and favorite novels, worn out by constant use, have been replaced by new and often better copies. On the other hand,

the practice of weeding the library of its outworn and duplicate volumes has been continued, resulting in the sale of some five hundred and nine volumes, and the order for sale of some three hundred and sixty-eight volumes more. These had been, for several years, set apart as of no further service, and simply cumbered the alcoves of the library. The Directors would recommend that the Board, at its discretion, should make exchanges of its duplicates with other libraries, or present to the Providence Public Library, or to the library of Brown University, any books worthy of their acceptance and no longer valuable for the use of the Athenæum.

Nine hundred and forty-three volumes have been added during the past year. These are

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Quartos, ...	54
Octavos, ...	449
Duodecimos and under, ...	390
	943

By purchase, at an average cost of $1.97, have been added 655 volumes; by gift, 170; by binding, 118. Five pamphlets have been bought: one hundred and sixty-two have been given to the library. From the Chief of Engineers of the U. S. Army have been received the two Atlases which complete the valuable Government report on the exploration of the 40th parallel. They were sent at the request of the Hon. N. W. Aldrich, who has also given to the library the Congressional Record and the Reports of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries. Senator Burnside has

presented the Map of the United States published by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, besides many valuable volumes.

The number of volumes in the library on September 1st, 1880, was 38,750.

The circulation of volumes has been as follows:

Of prose, fiction and juvenile books,	10,392
Of history and biography,	4,244
Of poetry and belles-lettres,	2,451
Of art, science, law and medicine,	1,709
Of religion, philosophy, social science and education,	1,527
Of voyages and travels,	1,279
Of periodicals,	1,050
Of miscellaneous books,	318
Total,	22,970

The largest monthly issue was of 2,440 volumes, in March; the largest daily issue, of 189 volumes, on the 10th of January.

It should be noticed that in spite of the steady purchase of new books, and the added copies of popular volumes in all departments, the circulation of the library, which had steadily increased for the four years ending with 1876, has since then as steadily diminished.* In our last report it was less than in that of 1874. In 1873 the library contained less than 34,000 volumes, with a circulation of 22,852. This year the circulation is 22,970, although in the interval forty new shareholders have been added to our membership and about 5,000 volumes to our shelves. The increasing use of

* See Appendix No. 2.

the Public Library can only partly account for this undesirable result. In other libraries, placed, like our own, not in literary or scholastic centres, but in business communities, a very much larger proportion of volumes is in circulation. The New York Mercantile Library Association issues a little less than its whole number of volumes. The Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati, which competes with the great Public Library of that city, still issues once and a quarter its number of volumes; the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco once and a half its number; the Philadelphia Mercantile Library once and three quarters; the Young Men's Association of Buffalo more than twice its number. The Free Public Libraries naturally go beyond these proportions. That of Brookline, Mass., issues more than twice, that of Worcester, Mass., twice and a half, our own Public Library five times, that of Chicago six times, that of Lawrence, Mass., seven times their respective number of volumes. A single library, however, falls below our own proportional circulation. It also is a Rhode Island institution. The Redwood library, of Newport, issues about two-fifths of its number of volumes, the Athenæum less than two-thirds. This must be regarded as a comparatively small use of our capital invested in books, to say nothing of our capital invested in the land and the building. No merchant would be content to do so moderate a business with so large an investment. As a library, however well selected, would be practically valueless so long as its rich shelves remained undisturbed by use, so any library (not mainly designed for reference), falls below its just measure of service while its circulation

remains at a lower point than, with safety to the books or comfort to the shareholders, might be attained. The statistics of other libraries very distinctly indicate that the circulation of the Athenæum is very much below what it might well be. Your Directors call the attention of the Corporation to these facts, and ask that suggestions or instructions be given to the new Board as to any means by which our languishing circulation may be quickened into life. It may be that the community at large need in more public fashion to be reminded of the affairs of the Athenæum and invited to share in its benefits. It may be that the public are not generally aware that the use of the library may be enjoyed at a moderate annual charge by those who are not shareholders. It may be that there are many persons to whom an outlay of fifteen dollars at the outset and of five dollars annually afterwards is practically a prohibitory tax. It may possibly be that the time has come for cheapening our privileges without diminishing them. To lessen the price of commodities in other directions is known quite disproportionately to increase their use, and books very probably may not be exempt from the common law. Such cheapening might take one of two lines, either that of increasing the number of volumes that may be issued to each shareholder, or that of diminishing the annual tax, and annual charge for the use of the library to those who are not shareholders in like proportion. The Directors respectfully refer the matter to the Corporation for their counsel or action.

Of the use of the library for purpose of consultation no account has been kept. Such use has undoubtedly been considerable, and it is fair to recognize the service

rendered to the public by the existence of the Providence Athenæum as a library of reference.

It is to be hoped that by consultation between the University, the Public Library and the Athenæum, our combined lists of both books and periodicals may be extended by omitting from each some of the less used volumes or pamphlets procured for the others. It is needless that in a compact city like this there should be three accessible copies of rarely-consulted and costly works. If Boston, with the large revenues of its Athenæum and Public Library, and that of Harvard College begins to find such economy of expenditure not unimportant, we, with our comparatively insignificant resources, may reasonably profit by the example.

A list of the periodicals taken by the Athenæum is appended.* Several new ones have been added, and others of minor value have been discontinued. A list also of the benefactors of the Athenæum during the past year follows this report.†

Foremost among those benefactors must be reckoned a citizen of Providence who, for many years residing abroad, still kept fresh his interest in his native city. At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the following communications were laid before them:

I.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 12, 1879.

The Corporation of the Providence Athenæum:

Gentlemen:

The bequest of three thousand dollars to the Providence

* See Appendix No. 3.

† See Appendix No. 4.

Athenæum under the will of Carrington Hoppin, deceased, will be paid by the executors on presentation of proper receipts.

WM. W. HOPPIN,
JAMES M. HOPPIN,
Executors of the will of Carrington Hoppin, deceased.

II.

To the Trustees of the Providence Athenæum:

Gentlemen:

At the time our brother, Mr. Carrington Hoppin, made his will, he spoke of the bequest which it contained to the Providence Athenæum, and he expressed a desire that this money should be used for the buying of engravings, photographs and books relating to Italy and Italian art, in which department of study he was always greatly interested.

Although he attached no conditions to his gift, we feel that his desire in respect to it ought to be made known; and as his executors we would respectfully request that, if conformable to the rules of the Athenæum, this sum of three thousand dollars should be devoted to the purchasing of works relating to *Italy and Italian art,* and be called *the Carrington Hoppin Fund.*

WM. W. HOPPIN,
JAMES M. HOPPIN,
Executors of Carrington Hoppin.

On the reading of the above communication it was voted that the following minute be entered on the records of the Board:

"The Directors of the Providence Athenæum gratefully accept the bequest of the late Carrington Hoppin, and authorize their Treasurer, Stephen H. Arnold, to execute the proper receipts.

"In view of the expressed wishes of the testator, and the consequent request of his executors, the Directors instruct the Treasurer to hold this sum of three thousand dollars as "The

Carrington Hoppin Bequest," to be devoted to the purchase of books, engravings or photographs relating to Italy and Italian art."

The Secretary of the Board of Directors was instructed to communicate the above minute to Messrs. W. W. Hoppin and James M. Hoppin, and to place on file their communication of their late brother's wishes as to the use of his bequest. At the request of the Directors, a photographic portrait of Mr. Carrington Hoppin has been placed by his brothers in one of the rooms of the Athenæum.

The Directors cannot refrain from noting the felicitous timeliness of this liberal bequest, in view of the recent remarkable increase of interest in this country in the whole matter of art, nor can they refrain from the expression of a lively hope that other citizens of wealth and artistic or literary culture may be inspired by this worthy example to endow by like gift or bequest other departments of the Athenæum. There are few more permanent monuments than a memorial alcove in a library. Successive readers, as they receive its benefits, gratefully cherish its founder's name, and long after the marble which records that name in the graveyard has crumbled, fresh generations keep his memory green.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

W. M. BAILEY, JR., *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX No. 1.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 22, 1879		$ 1,409 82

RECEIPTS.

For two new shares sold	$ 30 00	
For tax of September 24, 1877, collected on one share.	5 00	
For tax of September 23, 1878, collected on 23 shares.	115 00	
For tax of September 22, 1879, collected on 649 shares.	3,245 00	
For 13 shares, sold for non-payment of taxes	120 00	
For shares rented	29 00	
For fines collected	222 95	
For extra books	18 60	
For duplicates and old books sold	94 93	
For dividends and interests on invested funds	1,747 66	
Fence painting and awning paid for by friends	39 00	
		$ 5,667 14
		$ 7,076 96

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,214 07	
For periodicals	319 94	
For binding	331 14	
For stationery	5 17	
For salaries	2,087 72	
For fuel	98 50	
For gas	103 84	
For water	10 00	
For express and postage	46 97	
For printing and advertising	79 75	
For insurance	11 00	
For building and grounds	347 54	
For furniture	25 00	
For supplies	74 11	
Total	$4,754 75	
Balance this day in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co	$2,322 21	
		$ 7,076 96

INVESTMENTS.

The invested funds of the Corporation consist of 74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	$1,850 00	
63 shares in American National Bank, par value	3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie registered bonds, par value	10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghamton and New York registered bonds, par value	10,000 00	
Deposit on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co	1,500 00	
		$26,500 00
There is also deposited in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. to the credit of the "Carrington Hoppin Bequest,"		$ 3,023 55

Tax unpaid on 37 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, *Sept.* 27, 1880.

Appendix No. 2.—STATISTICS, 1871–1880.

Year of Report.	Increase of Library.			Annual Expenses.			Number of Shares.	Volumes in Library.	Circulation.
	Volumes bought.	Volumes given.	Total Volumes.	Expense of Books.	Other expenses.	Total.			
1871.....	509	76	585	$1421 03	$3607 85	$5028 88	646	32,551	22,331
1872.....	478	108	586	1335 49	4454 47	5789 96	653	33,137	21,502
1873.. ...	504	182	686	1394 02	3195 57	4589 59	657	33,823	22,852
1874.....	779	106	885	1620 44	3350 62	4971 06	663	34,708	23,767
1875.....	537	75	612	1460 35	3877 81	5338 16	674	35,104	24,911
1876.....	652	98	750	1931 98	4052 77	5984 75	682	35,859	26,279
1877.....	563	146	709	1570 28	3834 22	5404 50	690	36,568	25,876
1878.. ...	635	50	685	1630 35	3451 18	5081 53	696	37,253	25,077
1879.....	563	64	627	1518 89	3846 76	5365 65	697	37,869	23,148
1880.....	778	170	943	1865 15	2889 60	4754 75	699	38,750	22,970

[APPENDIX No. 3.]

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

Academy.
American agriculturist.
American architect and building news.
American art review.
American church review.
American journal of science.
American missionary.
American naturalist.
Athenæum.
Atlantic monthly.
Bibliotheca sacra.
Blackwood's Edinburgh magazine. American reprint.
British quarterly review. American reprint.
Builder.
Catholic world.
Chambers's journal.
Contemporary review.
Cornhill magazine.
Deutsche Rundschau.
Dwight's journal of music.
Edinburgh review. American reprint.
Examiner.
Fortnightly review.
Fraser's magazine.
Gardener's monthly and horticulturist.
Harper's new monthly magazine.
Harper's weekly.
Illustrated London news.
Illustrirte Zeitung.
International review.
Journal of the Franklin institute.
Law magazine and review.
Library journal.
Literary world.
London lancet.
London quarterly review. American reprint.
London society.
Macmillan's magazine.
Magazine of American history.
Mail, The.
Monthly index.
Musical review.
Nation.
Nature.
New England historical and genealogical register.
New England journal of education.
New Englander.
Nineteenth century.
North American review.
Notes and queries.
Official gazette of the U. S. Patent Office.
Pall Mall budget.
Popular science monthly.
Portfolio.
Princeton review.
Publisher's circular.
Publisher's weekly.
Punch.
Revue des deux mondes.
Saturday review.
Scientific American.
Scientific American supplement.
Scribner's monthly.
Spectator.
Unitarian review and religious magazine.
Van Nostrand's enginering magazine.
Westminster review. American reprint.

[APPENDIX No. 4.]

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich, Nelson W., the "Congressional Record," and	7	.....
Allen, Zachariah	1	.....
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	.....	1
Angell, Mary M., "Providence Daily Journal"	.....	.....
Bailey, Loring W., *Fredericton, New Brunswick*	.....	1
Bailey, W. Whitman, "New England Journal of Education," and	.....	3
Baird, J. G., *Hartford, Conn*	1	.....
Barnes, T. A., *New Haven, Conn*	.....	2
Beckwith, Amos N	16	.....
Beckwith, Daniel, "Publisher's Weekly," "The Spectator," and	8	.....
Beckwith, Henry T, "The Churchman" and "Spirit of Missions"	.....	.....
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston, Mass*	.....	4
Burnside, Ambrose E	21	5
Caldwell, Samuel L., *Poughkeepsie, N. Y*	.....	7
Channing, William F	.....	1
Cheever, Tracy P., *Boston, Mass*	.....	4
Cooke, Joseph J	1	.....
Dunnell, Thomas L	.....	1
Eaton, Amasa M	.....	3
Ernst, Carl W., *Boston, Mass*	15	4
Farnum, Alexander	.....	1
Gates, Charles H	.....	6
Green, Arnold	6	6
Greene, Samuel S	1	.....
Guild, Reuben A	.....	1
Hawkins, Dexter A., *New York, N. Y*	.....	1
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*	3	2
Jones, Augustine	.....	1
Kite, William, *Germantown, Phila*	.....	1
Lawrie, Thomas	.....	1
Lincoln, John L	.....	1
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston, Mass*	1	.....
Nagle, Dr., *New York, N. Y*	.....	2
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C*	.....	1
Ormsbee, John Holden	.....	1
Parsons, Charles W	.....	1
Payne, Abraham	.....	1
Peirce, J. Lewis	2	.....
Pope, William H	1	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
Potter, Elisha R.	.....	1
Spofford, A. R., *Washington, D. C.*	.....	1
Staples, Carlton A.	1	2
Taylor, William B.	.....	1
Wheeler, George M., *Washington, D. C.*, 6 maps	.....	.....
Woodbury, Augustus	2	.....
American Antiquarian Society	.....	1
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary,"	.....	.....
and	.....	1
American Unitarian Association, "The Unitarian Review,"	.....	.....
and	.....	18
Apprentices Library of the City of New York	.....	2
Boston Public Library	.....	1
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Brown, Obadiah, Trustees of benevolent fund of	1	.....
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	5
Connecticut Board of Education	1	.....
Fall River Public Library	.....	1
Franklin Fire Insurance Company, *Philadelphia, Pa.*	1	.....
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York,*	.....	.....
N. Y.	.....	1
Hartford Library Association	.....	4
Lawrence Public Library	.....	4
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco	.....	1
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	1
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
Manchester, N. H., City of	1	.....
Massachusetts Board of Education	27	.....
Portland, *Maine*, Public Library	.....	1
Peabody Education Fund, Trustees of	.....	2
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass.*	.....	1
Providence, City of, [through T. A. Doyle, Mayor.]	1	.....
" " " J. M. Cross, City Auditor.]	.....	1
" " " E. S. Rhodes, City Messenger.]	8	4
Providence Public Library, 24 reference lists and	.....	1
Redwood Library and Athenæum, *Newport*	.....	1
Rhode Island, Board of Education	1	.....
" " " of Health	2	.....
" " " of State Charities	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	8	2
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	8
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	2
Rider, Sidney S.	1	.....
Smithsonian Institution, *Washington D. C.*	3	6
Taunton Public Library	.....	1
Tibbitts & Randall	4	.....
United States, Bureau of Education	1	2
" " " of Statistics	.....	1
" " Chief of Engineers, 2 atlasses	6	1
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey Office	1	.....
" " Comptroller of the Currency	.....	1
" " Department of Agriculture	5	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
United States Department of State	3	.....
" " Director of the Mint	.....	5
" " Life Saving Service	1	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette," and	1	.....
Worcester Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	.....	4
Yale College, *New Haven, Conn*	.....	1
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo, N. Y.*	.....	1
Young Men's Christian Association, *Providence*	.....	1
Young Men's Christian Association, *Worcester*	.....	1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati	.....	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1880.

	Share, No.
Adams George J.	619
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Anderson Edward J.	18
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares	195, 638
Angell Willard I.	660
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Samuel G.*	58
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George*	226
Balch Abby P.	205
Balch John R.	339
Balcom E. J.	254
Ballou Sarah V.	169
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barnes Harriet M.	596
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	596
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695

*Deceased.

	Share, No.
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Bennett Charles E.	584
Bevan Alexander	112
Beverly George	342
Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Charles	530
Blanding William B.	40
Blodgett Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Borden Norman E.	143
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyd Thomas, Jr.	597
Bradford Joseph	250
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton George A.* (Warwick)	366
Brayton Nettie P.	392
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
Brown Thomas	212
Brown William*	324
Brown William F.	216
Brown William Waterman	219
Browne George H.	585
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Stephen	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Benjamin*	52
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock William P.*	144
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Frederick*	76
Burnham George H.	163
Burrough Martha H.	367

	Share, No.
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Bush Richard W.*	91
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butler Mary A.	358
Butts David A. (New York)	182
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	609
Cady Shubael H.	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Anna C. R.	678
Carpenter Earl*	486
Carpenter George M., Jr.	374
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Carver Alexander B.	503
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace George I.	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace Lillie B.	669
Chace Thomas E.	627
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zachariah, Jr.	555
Channing William F.	105
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin George W.	337
Chapin Joshua B.	423
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke George L.	612
Clarke James M.	501
Clarke John H.*	313
Clarke Walter L.	512
Coats James	686
Cobb Dewey A.	633
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Collins George L.*	526
Colwell James W.	641
Congdon George W.	257

	Share, No.
Congdon Henry R.	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Cooke Joseph J.	565
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranston Henry C.	548
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.	561
Cross William J.	29
Cutler Edward H.	153
Daggett John (Attleboro)	455
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Dana Newton C.	344
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis George A.	123
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.	117
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Dike Arba B.	483
Diman J. Lewis	194
Dorr Sullivan	380
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Samuel R.	670
Dorrance William T.*	92
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Thomas A.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Dunwell James P.	412
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Charles, Jr.	290
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21

	Share, No.
Dyer John F.	259
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eastman Samuel C.	332
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Ely James W. C.	545
Ely William	325
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbank Alfred N.	398
Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
Fifield Moses	166
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Presbyterian Church	419
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	556
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
Fletcher Joseph	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fogg Ezra D.	396
Foster Ira A	322
Fourth Baptist Church	538
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin, L. F. C.	651
Gladding Henry G.*	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Matilda K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gorton Charles	355
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Albert C.	164

	Share, No.
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	73
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.	617
Greene William Henry	608
Greene William R.	167
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grinnell Mrs. Richard W.	302
Grosvenor William	108
Gurney P. Eugene*	623
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hall George W.*	496
Ham Benjamin W.	437
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Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Amanda G.	281
Harris Avis L.	457
Harris C. Fiske	204
Harris Cyrus	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Henry P.*	24
Harris Stephen	391
Harris Thomas	353
Harrison Charles E.	682
Harrison Joseph	626
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Hartshorn Joseph C.	644
Hartwell Sarah F.	676
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayes Wingate*	93
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W., Jr.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Hedge Frederic H., Jr.	238
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hill George A.	134
Hill Nathaniel P. (Colorado)	688
Hill Thomas J.	363
Hilton William D.	114
Hinckley Frederic A.	37

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Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Holbrook A.	451
Holbrook Uriah H.	577
Homer Joseph W.	634
Hope St. Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283 ✓
Horton Walter S.	663
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Albert C.	550
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howland John A.	192 ✓
Hoyt David W.	581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William R.	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Inman Anna	16
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson Charles E.	541
Jackson Ephraim S.*	346
Jackson John T.	120
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Jenckes Annie B. M.	106
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
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Jillson Charles D.	461
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	464
Keach Mary T.	200
Keith Christopher T.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Kendall Henry L.	88 ✓
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.	148
King Charles G.	668
King William J.	571
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Knight Robert	616
Knowles Edward P.	488
Knowles John P.	71

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Knowles Joseph*	268
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Larchar John*	39
Larned Samuel*	306
Leach Daniel	515
Lester J. Erastus	572
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Eliza C.	399
Lippitt Henry	68
Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Lockwood Alice	351
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John H.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
✓ Lyman John W.	126
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McFarlane Thomas	468
Manchester Emma L.	478
Manton Louisa*	551
Martin Annie F.	323
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Henry W.*	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
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Matteson George W. R.	568
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Mauran Suchet, 2d*	330
Mauran William A.	132
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Merrimam Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf George, Jr.	672
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Frederick*	518
Miller Horace G.	632
Mitchel Thomas L.	452
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mowry William G. R.	10
Mumford George A.	476
Murray Robert, Jr.	379

	Share, No.
Newcome Mary L.	681
Nichols Charles A.*	613
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.	493
Nisbit William	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Okie A. Howard	586
Oldfield John* 2 shares	174, 292
Olney Stephen T.*	186
Ordway A. L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John S.	347
Osborn William	340
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Mary W.	469
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Benjamin G.*	85
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares	111, 487
Paige Henry	632
Paine Amasa*	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer Amelia F.	131
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parkhurst Clara E.	653
Parsons Charles W., 2 shares	35, 375
Patten William S.*	237
Payne Abraham	497
Payton Eliza J.	264
Pearce Edward	185
Pearce Edward, Jr.	421
Pearce Edward D.	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.	376
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Fenner H.	533
Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Thomas*	22
Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Peirce John	413

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Perry Amos	458
Perry Herbert L.	247
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phetteplace James S.	508
Phillips George R.	579
Phillips Thomas*	378
Pierce George A.	218
Pierce William G.*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Pitman John*	63
Poland William C.	694
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emery H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Charles	55
Potter Elisha R.	677
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K.	578
Potter William H.	139
Pratt Peter*	17
Pratt William H.	495
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randall Thomas A.	291
Randolph George	606
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Rawson Henry M.	675
Rawson Mary E.	387
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Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds James	333
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richardson James	658
Richmond Anna, trustee	46
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Harriet T.	525
Richmond Howard	652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Rider Sidney S.	492
Ripley James M.	28
Roberts Henry B.	562
Robinson Charles P.	459
Robinson E. G.	236
Robinson William A.*	489
Rogers Horatio	400
Russell Hope B. Ives	3

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Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Frederick M., trustee	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi	575
Sawin Isaac W.	241
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524
Sawyer John W.	435
Schmid Albert J.	691
Seabury Frederick N.	664
Seagrave Caleb	217
Seagrave George A.	466
Sessions Mary J.	327
Sharpe Lucien	595
Shattuck E. L.*	494
Shaw Allen	251
Shaw Emma Graves	377
Shaw James, Jr.	665
Shaw Mary A.*	587
Shedd J. Herbert	637
Sheldon Francis J.	158
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Sherman William O.	431
Shepard Elizabeth A.	385
Shurrocks Thomas H.	531
Simmons W. Seabury	607
Slater John, 2d*	11
Slater William S.	621
Slocum Jonathan L.*	463
Smith Amos D.*	101
Smith Arba Dike	335
Smith Charles Morris	449
Smith Elma L.	90
Smith Ferdinand	15
Smith James Y.*	504
Smith John W.	215
Snow J. Lippitt	275
Snow Lucinda M.	66
Southwick Isaac H.	32
Sprague Amasa	293
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Stafford Robert R.*	100
Staples Carlton A.	263
Staples Fanny	383
Staples William R.	181
Stead Thomas J.*	249
Steere Jonah*	420
Steere Thomas	381
Stiness John H.	471
Stiness Samuel G.	109
Stockbridge John C.	270
Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Stone Alfred	417
Stone Emily C.	172
Sturges Howard O.	239
Sumner Arthur P.	484
Sweet Joseph*	276

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Taft Cyrus	161
Taft James W.	624
Taft Orray*	59
Taft Royal C.	465
Talbot Ella H.	674
Talbot Theodore B.	535
Talbot William R.	56
Taylor Daniel A.	534
Taylor Mary L.	610
Temple William H. G.	436
Thomas George B.*	591
Thomas Hiram H.	370
Thompson John C., Jr.	365
Thurber Samuel	509
Thurber Samuel T.	309
Thurston Benjamin F.	356
Thurston George W.	151
Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Tibbitts William W.*	552
Tillinghast James	272
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Tingley Henry F.	297
Tobey John F.	462
Torrey Moses E.	384
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Tripp Benjamin	61
Truman Nathan	248
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Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Vose Seth M.	440
Walcott Erastus L.	81
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Warren Julia*	659
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Waterman William H.	240
Watson Matthew	27
Webster Josiah L.	460
Weeden Anna E.	125
Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Weeden Frank E.	656
Weeden Stephen R. (N. Prov.)	394
Weeden William B.	522
Weeden William G.*	246
Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
Westcott Amasa S.	639
Wheeler Benjamin I.	611
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8 owners of two shares each	16
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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1881.

FORTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

SEPTEMBER 26, 1881.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the Providence Athenæum, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, herewith submit their Forty-sixth Annual Report.

The past year, though marked by several unusual experiences in the history of the Athenæum, has been one of general prosperity and usefulness. The Board are happy to report that no changes have occurred during the year, either in the direct management of the library, or in the more general oversight of its interests.

The character of the services rendered by our able and accomplished Librarian and his competent assistant is too well known to the regular patrons of the library to need other than a grateful recognition. But it may not be amiss to call the attention of those corporators who have neglected, to a greater or less extent, to avail themselves of the privileges of the Athenæum, to the fact that the institution was never better equipped for the successful prosecution of its chosen work—that of supplying the people with the best reading—than today, and that its librarians are thoroughly interested in the work, and desirous that every shareholder shall receive a full return for his investment.

The following summary, derived from the Treasurer's report, gives the financial history for the year:

RECEIPTS.

For shares sold for taxes, . . .	$ 45 00
For taxes, fines, etc., . . .	3709 36
For dividends and interest, . . .	1752 56
	$5506 92

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries, ...	$2150 00
For books and periodicals, . . .	1624 01
For other purposes, ...	1324 38
	$5098 39

There have been no new shares sold, but twenty-three transfers have been made. Fifty-six shares have not been used during the year.

A much needed improvement, and one that we are confident will commend itself to the shareholders, has been made in the reading-room during the past season. For some time the ceiling has been gradually growing loose, and in some places was in immediate danger of falling, and in some other directions the room was in need of repair. It was accordingly decided by the Board to thoroughly renovate it and put it in the best of order. The work was done under the direction of the Committee on Building and Grounds, at an expense of $132.25, and the neat and attractive appearance of the room we are sure will induce many to avail themselves of its facilities.

The library has been increased by the addition of 957 volumes and 181 pamphlets. Of these volumes there were added—

By purchase,	724
By gift,	127
By binding of periodicals,	106
	957

Of the number there were

Folios,	38
Quartos,	45
Octavos,	389
Duodecimos and under,	485
	957

Twelve of the pamphlets were added by purchase, the remainder by gift. The average cost of the books purchased is $1.73 per volume.

Among the gifts the most valuable were from the Department of the Interior and the Smithsonian Institution, and the files of the Congressional Record; for the latter of which we are indebted to the Hon. N. W. Aldrich, M. C. For the gifts from the Department of the Interior, as well as for an unusual number of other favors during the year, we were indebted to one whose good offices will be no more performed on earth. The late Senator Burnside was a warm friend of the Athenæum, and his efforts to promote its interests were unceasing, and his relations with the institution were always those of a personal rather than an official nature.

The whole number of volumes in the library Sept. 1, 1881, was 39,574.

The circulation of the library for the past year has been 31,550 volumes, classified as follows, viz.:

Of prose-fiction and juvenile books, .	16,483
" history and biography, . . .	5,013
" poetry and belles lettres, . .	2,708
" art, science, law and medicine, . .	2,269
" voyages and travels, ...	1,567
" periodicals, ...	1,421
" religion, philosophy, social science and education, ...	1,850
" miscellaneous books, . . .	239
Total, ...	31,550

The total circulation is 37 per cent. larger than that of last year, and 20 per cent. above the largest previous circulation, that of the year 1876. The principal cause probably, and perhaps the only one, for this increase in the circulation, is to be found in the extension of privileges which was voted by the corporation at its annual meeting in 1880, whereby each share becomes entitled to the use of *four* books at one time, instead of *two*, as before. A comparison of the circulation of this year with that of last year, shows an increase in all of the different classes, but the largest increase is in that of fiction and juveniles, which is 52 per cent. of the whole. It should be stated, however, that the percentage of increase in one or two other classes, notably that of "art, science, law and medicine," has been nearly as great as in that of fiction.

The largest monthly issue was of 3343 volumes, for the month of March, and the largest daily issue was of

297 volumes, on the 5th day of March. The library has been carefully examined, though without calling in the books and restricting their use, and eleven volumes are found to be missing.

It will be remembered that last year the usual report on this subject was omitted. Events which have occurred since the last annual meeting render it proper that the following statement should be made. Previous to the annual examination one year ago, more or less books had been missed from year to year, but there were no reasons to suspect that there was any single cause for the loss. But at that examination it was found that nineteen volumes were missing, and that the greater portion of them were so related to each other as to almost force the conclusion that they must have been taken by one person. Still the Board were utterly unable to fasten their suspicions upon any one, and, after mature deliberation, it was deemed best, in order to facilitate the detection of the guilty party, to make no mention of the affair, but to institute a more careful supervision over the books, and to use every endeavor to discover the cause of the mysterious disappearance. No clue was obtained till the early summer, when a certain gentleman of this city, an authority in books and a warm friend of the Athenæum, informed the Board that certain of the missing books had been found in the possession of a certain person in this city, and through the intervention of this friend seven volumes were identified and returned to the library. Subsequently the President of the corporation held an interview with the party in whose possession the books had been found, in which he confessed his guilt and made a restitution of

two more books, making nine volumes in all which were recovered from that source. The high social and church relations of the guilty party, together with the manifold and delicate interests involved, rendered the transaction one of very grave character, and occasioned deep solicitude as to its proper treatment. While the Board were not unwilling to extend to the person all the charity which the circumstances would demand or warrant, they could not, on the other hand, assume the responsibility of thwarting the claims of justice. Accordingly, on the requisition of the city authorities, the evidence was furnished, on the strength of which he was arrested and subsequently arraigned, when he pleaded guilty and was fined.

It is also our painful duty to record another act of spoliation upon the property of the Athenæum which may prove irreparable. On the night of the fifteenth of August, the Athenæum was broken into and despoiled of some of its most valuable art treasures. The celebrated painting of "The Hours," by Malbone, was torn from its casing and carried off, together with the portraits of Zachary Taylor, James G. Percival and Cyrus Butler, and a copy of the picture of "Two Italian Boys," by an unknown artist. Another painting was rudely cut from its frame, but was left by the plunderer as being probably too unwieldy to carry away.

The Board took immediate action to recover the property and secure the punishment of the perpetrator of the outrage, by securing the services of skillful detectives, and subsequently by the offer of a reward of two hundred dollars for the recovery of the Malbone and a proportional amount for the others. We regret t

say that up to the present time no trace has been found either of the property or of the guilty parties. The peculiar character, however, of the principal painting gives good ground for believing that ultimately it will be found, and possession thereof regained.

In closing this review of the history of the past year, the Board desire to call the attention of the stockholders again, to the constantly growing advantages which the Athenæum affords, and to urge upon them the desirableness of such an extension of its constituency among the people of this city and vicinity, as shall greatly strengthen it materially and morally, and enable it to become a leading factor in developing and moulding the intellectual and spiritual life of the community.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

W. M. Bailey, Jr., *Secretary.*

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record"	.....	.....
Allen, Zachariah	1	.....
American Antiquarian Society	.....	6
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	.....
Angell, Miss Mary M., "Providence Daily Journal"	.....	.....
Anthony, Henry B.	.....	1
Bailey, William M., Jr.,	.....	1
Bailey, William Whitman, "New England Journal of Education," and	.....	2
Barker, Robert L.	1	.....
Bartlett, John R., Jr.	.....	1
Beckwith, Miss Abby G.	3	.....
Beckwith, Daniel, "Spectator," and	15	1
Beckwith, Henry T., "Spirit of Missions" and	1	.....
Berkshire Life Insurance Company, *Pittsfield, Mass.*	1	.....
Boston, *Mass.*, [through the City Messenger.]	4	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	7
Bowditch, Henry I., *Boston, Mass.*	1	.....
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston, Mass.*	.....	12
Bronson Library, *Waterbury, Conn.*	.....	3
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Burnside, Ambrose E.	23	8
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Cheever, Tracy P., *Boston, Mass.*	.....	4
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
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Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	2
Colwell, James W.	2	.....
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Durfee, Thomas	.....	1
Eaton, Amasa M.	.....	3
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Foster, William E.	.....	1
Garvin, L. F. C., *Lonsdale*	.....	1
Gates, Charles H.	.....	1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	.....	1
Green, Arnold	.....	3
Guild, Reuben A.	.....	7
Hart, Charles H., *Philadelphia*	.....	1

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Hartford Library Association	.....	4
Hazard, Rowland	1	.....
Howard, Henry	.....	1
Hoyt, David W	.....	2
Hudson, John Clare, *Horncastle, England*	1	.....
Jones, Augustine	1	.....
Laurie, Thomas	.....	1
Lawrence Public Library	.....	5
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	2
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	.....	1
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston, Mass*	1	.....
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco	.....	2
Mercantile Library Association of the city of New York	.....	1
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C*	.....	4
Packard, A. S., Jr	1	.....
Padelford, *Miss* Maria L	.....	1
Parsons, Charles W	11	.....
Peabody Education Fund, Trustees of	.....	1
Peabody, *Mass.*, [through the School Committee]	.....	1
Portland, *Maine*, Public Library	.....	1
Providence, City of, [through the Mayor.]	1	.....
" " " the City Messenger.]	1	.....
Providence Public Library, 2 reference lists and	1	1
Redwood Library and Athenæum, *Newport*	.....	1
Rhode Island, Board of Education	1	.....
" " " of Health	2	.....
" " " of State Charities and Corrections	1	9
" " Principal of the School for the Deaf	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	2	3
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	2
Rhode Island Hospital	1	1
Rice, Howard M	2	1
Rider, Sidney S	5	.....
St. Louis Public School Library	.....	1
Smithsonian Institution, *Washington, D. C*	8	.....
Stanley, E. S	1	.....
Taunton Public Library	.....	1
United States, Bureau of Education	1	15
" " " of Engineers	4	.....
" " " of Statistics	.....	8
" " Coast Survey Office	2	.....
" " Department of the Interior	10	14
" " " " " Navy	3	.....
" " " " " Treasury	1	1
" " Life Saving Service	1	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette," and	1	1
Updike, D. Berkeley, *Boston, Mass*	2	.....
Webb, Samuel H	2	1
Wheatland, Henry, *Salem, Mass*	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus	1	1
Worcester Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	3	.....
Yale College, *New Haven, Conn*	.....	1
Young, E. J., *Cambridge, Mass*	.....	1
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo, N. Y*	.....	1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, *Cincinnati*	.....	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 27, 1880		$ 2,322 21

RECEIPTS

For tax of September 23, 1878, collected on two shares.	$ 10 00	
For tax of September 22, 1879, collected on 9 shares	45 00	
For tax of September 27, 1880, collected on 643 shares	3,215 00	
For shares Nos. 93, 540 and 657 sold for taxes	45 00	
For shares rented	84 00	
For fines collected	254 42	
For extra books	10 30	
For duplicates and old books sold	48 04	
For amount from Carrington Hoppin Bequest	42 60	
For dividends and interest from invested funds	1,752 56	
		$ 5,506 92
		$ 7,829 13

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,256 95	
For books for Carrington Hoppin bequest	42 60	
For periodicals	324 46	
For binding	448 30	
For stationery	7 55	
For salaries	2,150 00	
For fuel	174 25	
For lighting	144 81	
For water	18 46	
For express and postage	18 95	
For printing and advertising	87 75	
For insurance	91 00	
For building and grounds	241 83	
For furniture	10 80	
For supplies	40 53	
For labor	40 15	
	$5,098 39	
Balance to new account	2,730 74	$7,829 13

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	$1,850 00
63 shares in American National Bank	3,150 00
10 Buffalo, New York, and Erie registered bonds	10,000 00
10 Syracuse, Binghamton and New York registered bonds	10,000 00
Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., on participation	1,500 00
Carrington Hoppin Bequest, in R. I. Hospital Trust Co	3,100 95
	$29,600

Tax unpaid on 56 shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, *Sept.* 26, 1881.

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REPORTED TO THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1881.

	Share, No.
Adams, George J.	619
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Anderson Edward J.	18
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares,	195,638
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H,	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Arthur E.	93
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Balch Abby P.	205
Balch John R.	339
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barnes Harriet M.	596
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	540
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584

*Deceased.

Bevan Alexander	112
Beverly George	342
Billings Ethelbert R.*	594
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Charles	530
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Borden Norman E.	
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Clarissa F.	366
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyd Thomas, Jr.	597
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton Nettie P.	392
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
Brown Thomas	212
Brown William*	324
Brown William Waterman	219
Browne George H.	585
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Stephen	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Benjamin*	52
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock William P.*	144
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Frederick*	76
Burnham George H.	163
Burrough Martha H.	367
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In making their annual report, the Directors have little more to do than to present statistics, and formally to return to the hands of the Corporation, to be consigned to the Board for the ensuing year, the care of the interests of the Providence Athenæum.

During the year that has passed no change has taken place in the executive officers of the institution. Mr. Arnold Green, who was elected a member of the Board of Directors, declined to serve, and Mr. Edward I. Nickerson was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The Directors have held their meetings regularly; the committees on the Library and on the Building and Grounds have given much of their time and attention to the special interests in their charge; the bills and accounts have been carefully examined and audited; the property of the Corporation, including books, pictures and other objects of art, building and grounds and invested funds, is believed to be in as satisfactory a condition as at any previous period.

It is unnecessary to say that the management of the library by the Librarian and his assistant has been efficient and satisfactory. It has become almost an

established precedent to compliment these officers in the annual report, and such a compliment was never better deserved. The Athenæum is fortunate in having officers who are not content with a perfunctory discharge of their duties, but who feel a personal interest in the prosperity of the institution they serve, and a genuine desire to facilitate to the proprietors access to the treasures in their charge. The Directors would be glad if the resources of the Athenæum justified them in showing, by an increase of salaries, their appreciation of the fidelity of these officers.

The report of the Treasurer, appended in full, presents the following summary:

RECEIPTS.

For shares sold for taxes, ...	$ 45 00
For taxes, fines, etc., ...	3829 67
For dividends and interest, . . .	1772 05

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries, ...	$2200 00
For books and periodicals, . . .	1779 93
For other purposes, ...	1634 94

No new shares have been sold during the past year. Of the old shares, twenty-six have been transferred to new owners; fifty-four shares have remained unused.

The amount of money annually at the disposition of the Board for the current expenses and for the increase of the library is quite limited, and is subject to be

increased only by the sale of additional shares. The increase in this direction is very gradual, and scarcely proportionate to the increase of the city in population and in wealth. The annual tax is fixed by the Constitution at five dollars, and although it would be injudicious to recommend any increase at present, it must be conceded that the price of the shares and the annual assessment are extremely small in comparison with the actual value of the property of the Corporation, and the advantages offered to shareholders, or, still further, in comparison with the cost of similar advantages elsewhere, as in the instance of the Boston Athenæum. The Directors have no special recommendation to make of the adoption of means to increase the number of shareholders. They cannot doubt that in a city of the culture, intelligence and wealth of Providence there will always be room besides the Public Library for such an institution as the Athenæum, and that there will be found those who will be glad to secure, even by liberal payment, the special advantages that such an institution affords.

It is deemed desirable here to mention, in passing, the facilities which the Athenæum offers to those who are not permanent residents of Providence. Transient residents may purchase the enjoyment of its privileges by the annual payment of six dollars, without becoming members of the Corporation. A knowledge of this fact, widely circulated among those especially interested, would perhaps tend to increase the annual income of the library, without diminishing the sale of shares.

An object that in course of a few years will require a considerable expenditure of money is the preparation

of a thorough index catalogue of all the books in the library. In the preparation of such a catalogue there is much material on hand that would be available; but the task would, of course, have to be performed by some person engaged for the special service, as the time of the Librarians is fully occupied by the regular work of the library.

While the Athenæum building has been kept in good condition, there is one object in connection with it to which, chiefly from motives of economy, the Directors have not been able to give the attention it now seems to deserve. The ventilation of the rooms has never had any provision made for it, and has been managed only by opening the windows. The inconveniences in the way of impure air or draughts thus occasioned are not appreciated by those who visit the building only to procure books, or to spend an hour in reading; but regard for the comfort and the health of our Librarians requires that the proper ventilation of the building should be secured. It is hoped that a plan may be devised by which this can be managed with no greater expense than the Directors would feel it proper to make for this object.

The number of volumes added to the library during the last year is not merely unusually large: it is greater than that of any other year, excepting two, 1857 and 1859. This is due to a large purchase of books in the French language made in Paris, of which 326 volumes were received during the year. The number of books in English is about the same as that of preceding years. Of the volumes added, 1034 were bought at an average price of $1.42, 111 were given, and 108 resulted from

binding periodicals, making a total of 1253. Classified according to size, there were:

Folios, ...	35
Quartos, ...	67
Octavos, ...	379
Duodecimos, ...	539
Sixteenmos, ...	233
	1253

The more valuable gifts were received from the departments of the government at Washington, from Senator Aldrich and from Mr. Holder Borden Bowen. Nine numbers of *Le case ed i monumenti di Pompei*, presented by the last-named gentleman, came this year. One hundred and thirty-nine pamphlets were given to the Athenæum during the year, and ten were bought.

The library was examined between the 15th and 24th of August. Of the 892 volumes not found in their places on the shelves, nearly one hundred were at the bindery or in course of covering. The rest were found charged to shareholders, with the exception of six, which are, therefore, reported as missing. Of the eleven volumes reported as missing a year ago, two have since been found, and two books have lately been returned which have been missing many years. The books in the library are generally in good condition, but there is one annoying exception. Many shareholders have the vulgar habit of turning down leaves to mark passages, and the result is that a considerable number of volumes is hopelessly dog-eared. The Librarian has requested many shareholders to refrain from

injuring Athenæum books in this way, but in some cases without success.

The number of volumes belonging to the library September 1st, 1882, was 40,737.

The circulation of books during the year amounted to 33629 volumes, classified as follows, viz.:

	Number.	Per cent.
Of prose-fiction and juvenile books, .	18,225	54.19
Of history and biography, . . .	4,801	14.28
Of poetry and belles lettres, . .	2,625	7.81
Of voyages and travels, . . .	2,286	6.80
Of art, science, law and medicine, .	2,226	6.62
Of religion, philosophy, social science and education, ...	1,881	5.59
Of periodicals, ...	1,403	4.17
Of miscellaneous, ...	182	.54
Total, ...	33,629	100.00

The total circulation is seven per cent. greater than that of the year before. This increase is wholly in the classes of fiction and travels; religion is about the same; all the other classes are smaller than the preceding year. The largest monthly issue was 3564 volumes, in March, and the largest daily issue was 292 volumes, on May 13th.

Prominent among the purchases of the year is a valuable addition to the books the library contains in the French language. The series of the works of some of the most prominent French authors has been made complete, and other deficiencies have been in a measure made good, although the entire number of books in the modern languages possessed by the Athenæum is still much smaller than is to be desired.

In respect to the character of the circulation it may be said that, apart from the regular demand for a certain class of reading by those who read chiefly for amusement, it is quite largely affected by the course of current events. The death of any author, and the consequent obituary notices of the press are invariably followed by a considerable call for that author's works, although they may have been on the shelves undisturbed for years. A similar result attends any controversy or prominent occurrence of any character, in connection with which an author's name is made conspicuous. No record is kept of the sex or age of those who use the library. Probably at least three-fourths of the whole number are women, and children under sixteen years of age.

Doubtless, the most important of the committees of the Board is the Library Committee. It is not unbecoming in the Board to put on record their high appreciation of the work of this committee in the past as in former years. Criticisms are, of course, made, and are to be anticipated in regard to the books selected, but those who best know the difficult nature of the task before this committee are most ready to commend the care and success with which it is performed. The committee is closely limited in the amount of money at its disposal, and has many points to take into consideration in the choice of books. Those who are most competent to judge must admit the success with which they keep the circulating element of the library supplied with the best recent productions of the press, carefully excluding objectionable works, and still constantly add to the shelves of the library works that are certain to be

of much more than temporary interest and value. If any shareholders desire to recommend books for purchase, an opportunity is offered them. A book is kept for this purpose in charge of the Librarian, and any suggestions made in this way will be gladly accepted and duly considered by the committee.

The report of last year closed with the announcement of a serious spoliation of the most valuable objects of art in the possession of the Athenæum. Since that report was presented the measures which the Directors had already initiated have resulted in the recovery of all the stolen objects and in the conviction and punishment of the perpetrators of the offence. If any person, equally culpable as being the instigator or the abettor of the robbery, has escaped punishment, it is not to be attributed to any negligence or oversight on the part of the Directors. The most valuable painting, and the one apparently most seriously damaged, has been so skillfully repaired, without retouching or obscuring a pencil stroke of the original, that the injury escapes the most careful examination.

Malbone's celebrated painting on ivory has been restored to its former shrine; and in this connection it is pleasant to be able to report an addition of great value to this best-known specimen of the artist's skill. Through a connection of the Malbone family there has been presented to the Athenæum a sketch on canvas of Malbone's likeness by the hand of the artist himself. It is but an unfinished sketch, and yet presents a clear conception of the artist's features, apparently but a few years before his untimely death, at the age of twenty-eight. The sketch possesses additional value as bearing

testimony to the fact that although best known for his portraits, Malbone also tried his hand at landscape painting. The back of the canvas presents the rude beginning of some picture of this kind, which for some reason he never completed. The historic value of this authentic likeness of Malbone makes this an important addition to the treasures in possession of the Athenæum.

In conclusion, the Board would congratulate the shareholders on the continued prosperity of the Athenæum, with the hope that the increasing advantages which the institution affords may be justly appreciated by those who enjoy them, and that those advantages may be more widely extended by an increase in the number of those entitled to them.

In behalf and by order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM GAMMELL, *President.*

W. M. BAILEY, JR., *Secretary.*

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 26, 1881		$ 2,730 74

RECEIPTS.

For tax of September 22, 1879, collected on one share	$ 5 00	
For tax of September 27, 1880, collected on 14 shares	70 00	
For tax of September 26, 1881, collected on 644 shares	3,220 00	
For three shares sold for taxes	45 00	
For shares rented	149 00	
For fines collected	282 54	
For extra books	8 30	
For books sold	6 10	
For amount from Carrington Hoppin Bequest	50 71	
For dividends and interest on invested funds	1,772 05	
		$ 5,608 70
		$ 8,339 44

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,425 52	
For books for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	50 71	
For periodicals	303 70	
For binding	432 80	
For stationery	6 05	
For salaries	2,200 00	
For fuel	176 00	
For lighting	164 38	
For water	14 00	
For express and postage	26 90	
For printing and advertising	76 62	
For insurance	45 00	
For building and grounds	112 86	
For furniture	7 25	
For supplies	42 48	
For labor	46 61	
For costs of recovering and repairing stolen paintings	483 99	
	$ 5,614 87	
Balance to new account	$ 2,724 57	
		$ 8,339 44

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank, par	$ 1,850 00	
63 shares in American National Bank, par	3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie registered bonds, par	10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghampton and New York registered bonds, par	10,000 00	
Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., on participation	1,500 00	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co	3,173 98	
		$29,673 98

Tax unpaid on thirty-one shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 25, 1882.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record," and	12	.....
American Antiquarian Society	1	.....
American Association for the Advancement of Science	2	.....
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society	12	.....
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Ames, Charles G., *Philadelphia*	.....	1
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Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich.*	.....	1
Angell, *Miss* Mary M., "Providence Daily Journal"	.....	.....
Anthony, Henry B	.....	1
Apprentices Library, *New York*	.....	1
Arnold, James N., "Narragansett Historical Register"	.....	.....
Bailey, William Whitman, "New England Journal of Education," and	.....	3
Barber, G. W., *Milwaukee Co., Wis*	.....	1
Beckwith, *Miss* A. G	1	.....
Beckwith, Daniel, "Spectator," and	8	.....
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Boston, *Mass.*, City Messenger	1	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	5
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston, Mass*	.....	5
Braley, Henry K., *Fall River, Mass*	.....	1
Brinley, Francis, *Newport*	.....	1
Brookline Public Library	1	1
Bucklin, Simon S	.....	1
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Caldwell, Samuel L., *Poughkeepsie, N. Y.*	.....	1
Caswell, Edward T	.....	1
Chace, Lewis J	1	.....
Chicago Public Library	.....	2
City Library Association, *Springfield, Mass*	.....	1
Clark, Franklin C	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	11
Colwell, James W	1	.....
Connecticut Board of Education	1	.....
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Denison, Frederic	.....	1
Fisher, Orville	.....	4
Folsom, Albert A., *Boston, Mass*	.....	1
Gammell, William	.....	1

	Vols.	Pamph.
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	.....	1
Green, Arnold	.....	1
Greene, William R.	1	.....
Harlan, Caleb, *Wilmington, Del.*	1	.....
Hartford Library Association	.....	5
Hartshorn, *Miss* Cornelia	.....	1
Hazard, Thomas R., *Newport*	1	.....
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*	2	1
Howard, Henry	5	.....
Jillson, David, *South Attleboro', Mass.*	.....	1
Koehler, S. R., *Boston, Mass*	.....	1
Laurie, Thomas	.....	1
Lawrence Public Library	.....	3
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	2
Lincoln, John L.	.....	1
Long Island Historical Society	.....	2
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Boston, Mass.*	.....	1
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston, Mass.*	2	.....
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco	.....	1
Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York	.....	1
Morley, Frederick, *Lansing, Mich.*	1	.....
New England Society of the City of New York	.....	2
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston, Mass.*	.....	3
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C.*	.....	2
Ordway, A. L.	1	.....
Parsons, Charles W.	1	.....
Peabody Education Fund	1	.....
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass.*	.....	1
Peoria Public Library	.....	1
Portland, *Maine*, Public Library	.....	1
Providence, City Auditor	1	1
" City Messenger	9	.....
" Mayor	1	1
Redwood Library and Athenæum, *Newport*	.....	1
Rhoades, Lawrence	1	.....
Rhode Island, Board of State Charities and Corrections	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	3	2
" " State Board of Education	1	.....
" " State Board of Health	2	.....
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	2
Richards, C. A. L.	3	3
Robinson, O. H., *Rochester, N. Y.*	.....	1
Saint Louis Public School Library	.....	3
Sheridan, P. H., *Chicago, Ill.*	.....	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	2	.....
Spooner, Henry J.	1	.....
Taunton Public Library	1	1
Toner, J. M., *Washington, D. C.*	1	.....
Union Railroad Company	.....	1
United States, Bureau of Education	1	7
" " Census Office, "Bulletins" and	2	9
" " Chief of Engineers	8	.....
" " Chief Signal Officer	1	.....
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	2	.....
" " Department of the Interior	2	3

	Vols.	Pamph.
United States, Department of the Navy	2	.....
" " Life Saving Service	1	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette."	.....	.....
Weeden, William B	1	.....
Wolcott, Samuel, *Cleveland, Ohio*	1	.....
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, *Phila*	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus	1	9
Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	1	1
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo, N. Y.*	.....	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1882.

	Share, No.
Adams George J.	619
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Sarah S.	6
Allen Zachariah*	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Anderson Edward J.	18
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares,	195, 638
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Arthur E.	93
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Balch Abby P.	205
Balch John R.	339
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barnes Harriet M.	596
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Bellamy William	674
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584

*Deceased.

	Share, No.
Bevan Alexander	112
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Borden Norman E.	143
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Clarissa F.	366
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyd Thomas, Jr.	597
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton Nettie P.	392
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
Brown Thomas	212
Brown William*	324
Brown William Waterman	219
Browne George H.	585
Browne Sarah B.	594
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Benjamin*	52
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock William P.*	144
Burges Walter S.	78
Burnham George H.	163
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butler Mary A.	358
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	609

	Share, No.
Cady Shubael H.	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Earl*	486
Carpenter George M., Jr.	374
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Carver Alexander B.	503
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace George I.	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace Lillie B.	669
Chace Thomas E.	627
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zachariah, Jr.	555
Channing William F.	105
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Charles V.	423
Chapin George W.	337
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke George L.	612
Clarke John H.*	313
Clarke Walter L.	512
Coats James	686
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Collins George L.*	526
Colwell James W.	641
Congdon George W.	257
Congdon Henry R.	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Cooke Joseph J.*	565
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranston Francis A.	131

	Share, No.
Cranston Henry C.	538
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.	561
Cross William J.	29
Cutler Edward H.	153
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Dana Newton C.	344
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis George A.	123
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Dike Arba B.*	483
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorr Sullivan	380
Dorrance Charles T	673
Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Samuel R., 2 shares,	92, 670
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	337
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Dyer John F.	259
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Ely James W. C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58

	Share, No.
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
Fifield Moses	166
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Presbyterian Church	419
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	556
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
Fletcher Joseph	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
Gladding Frank*	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Matilda K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gorton Charles	355
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Albert C.	164
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	72
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.	617
Greene William R.	167
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grosvenor William	108

	Share, No.
Gurney P. Eugene*	623
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Ham Benjamin W.	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Amanda G.	281
Harris C. Fiske*	204
Harris Cyrus	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Henry P.*	24
Harris Stephen	391
Harris Thomas	353
Harrison Joseph	626
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Hartshorn Joseph C.	644
Haskins Adeline G.	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W., Jr.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hill George A.	134
Hill Nathaniel P. (Colorado)	688
Hill Thomas J.	363
Hinckley Frederic A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Holbrook Albert	451
Holbrook Uriah H.	577
Homer Joseph W.	634
Hope Street Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton Walter S.	663
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Albert C.	550
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W.	581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364

	Share, No.
Huston William R.*	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson Charles E.	541
Jackson John T.	120
Jackson Rachael M.	346
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Annie B. M.	106
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Jencks Marcia M.	127
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jillson Charles D.	461
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	446
Keach Mary T.	200
Keith James G.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Kendall Henry L.	88
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.	148
King Charles G.*	668
King William J.	571
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Robert	616
Knowles Edward P.*	488
Knowles John P.	71
Knowles Joseph*	268
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Larchar John*	39
Larned Samuel	306
Leach Daniel	515
Lester J. Erastus	572
Lewis John D.	55
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Henry	68
Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John H.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
Lyman John W.*	126

	Share, No.
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
	478
Manchester Emma L.	
Manton Louisa*	551
Martin Annie F.	323
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Episs. Ch.	36
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A.	132
Merrill William S.	314
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf George Jr.	673
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Horace G.	632
Millett Thomas A.	396
Ministry-at-Large	491
Mitchell Thomas L.	452
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mowry William G. R.	10
Murray Robert, Jr.	379
Newcome Mary L.	681
Nichols Charles A.*	613
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale Anna E	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C. Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.	493
Nisbet William D	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Okie A. Howard*	586
Oldfield John* 2 shares	174, 292
Olney Stephen T.*	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John S.	347

	Share, No.
Osborn William	340
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Mary W.	469
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares	111, 487
Paige Henry	632
Paine Amasa*	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263
Patten William S.*	237
Payne Abraham	497
Payton Eliza J.	264
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, Jr.	421
Pearce Edward D.	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.*	376
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Fenner H.	533
Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Thomas*	22
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phetteplace James S.	508
Phillips George R.	579
Phillips Thomas*	378
Pierce George A.	218
Pierce William G.*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Pitman John*	63
Poland William C.	694
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emery H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Elisha R.*	677
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K.	578
Potter William H.	139

	Share, No.
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randall Thomas A.	291
Randolph John R., 2 shares	521, 606
Rawson Henry M.	675
Rawson Mary E.	387
Razee S. W.	133
Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richards Samuel	238
Richardson James	658
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Harriet T.	525
Richmond Howard, 2 shares	46, 652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Rider Sidney S.	540
Ripley James M.	28
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The Board of Directors of the Athenæum present this their forty-eighth annual "detailed report of the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the Institution."

At the first meeting of the Board, on the first Monday in October last, as they were about to proceed to the election of a President, a communication was received from Mr. William Gammell declining a reëlection to that office.

Mr. Gammell had been connected with the Athenæum, as Director, Vice-President and President, for eighteen years, during twelve of which he had held the latter office, and during all this period he had served the Institution with signal zeal and ability, and in his letter of declination, which the Board have placed on their records, he states that it was done "from no diminution of interest in the Athenæum, or of estimation of its importance to the community."

The Directors, in the "minutes" which they caused to be placed on their records with reference to Mr. Gammell's declination, expressing the reluctance with which they acceded to his wishes, speak of him as follows: "Conspicuous as have been the predecessors of Prof. Gammell for their devotion to the interests of the Athenæum, its Directors wish to make an enduring record of their confident belief, that no one of them ever

did, or could, surpass him in the intelligent zeal, the untiring industry, and the deep interest with which he has discharged his duties as its President, and as chairman of its two most important committees."

Alexander Farnum was then elected President, and Augustus Woodbury Vice-President for the year ensuing.

Daniel Beckwith was elected Librarian, and Mary M. Angell Assistant Librarian, and the usual standing committees of the Board were appointed.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board, January, 1, 1883, a communication from Mr. Farnum was received, tendering his resignation of the office of President, and in view of his state of health, and his evident desire to be relieved from the cares of the position, the Board accepted his resignation, and caused the following minutes to be entered on their records: "In accepting the resignation of Mr. Alexander Farnum as President of the Providence Athenæum, the Directors would place on record their grateful appreciation of his long continued and faithful labors in behalf of the Institution. For more than twenty years he has held the different offices of Director, Vice-President and President, with credit to himself, pleasure to his associates, and benefit to the Corporation. As a member of the Library Committee during his period of service, his good taste, excellent judgment, and rare knowledge of books have been exercised no less for the welfare of the community than for the advantage of the Athenæum."

The stockholders will no doubt unite with the Directors in regret at the loss to the Athenæum of these

officers, and in appreciation of the manner in which they have performed their duties.

Augustus Woodbury was then elected President and Royal C. Taft Vice-President for the remainder of the year.

The state of the Finances of the Athenæum is as follows:

Balance on hand Sept. 25, 1882, ...	$2724 57
RECEIPTS.	
From shares sold for taxes, ...	166 25
From taxes, fines, &c., ...	3841 78
From dividends and interest, ...	1745 18
	$8477 78
EXPENDITURES.	
For salaries, ...	$2110 00
For books and periodicals, ...	1671 52
For other purposes, ...	1819 81
Balance on hand Sept. 24, 1883, ...	2876 45
	$8477 78

Further details of the expenditures will be given in the Treasurer's Report.

A large portion of the balance on hand will be necessary to pay quarterly bills which will be due October 1st, before the collection of any of the tax to be assessed at this meeting, which the Directors recommend should be $5 per share as usual.

The Library is reported by the Librarian to be generally in good condition.

The number of volumes added to the Library is larger than usual owing to the fact that the first part of the bequest of the late Joseph J. Cooke has been received.

By his will Mr. Cooke bequeathed the sum of $5000 to the Athenæum, with the following proviso, "that the same shall be used in payment for bills of any books which may be sold to them by auction by my executors or their successors at any sale thereof, but not othewise."

The first sale of Mr. Cooke's Library took place last March, and 356 volumes were sold to the Athenæum, as above, at a cost of $1561.63, leaving a balance to be used at future sales, of $3438.37. Some of these volumes were found to be duplicates of those already in the Library, a few of which have been sold. The expense to the Athenæum attending this sale, including the services of an agent, amounted to $88.13. The second sale of Mr. Cooke's Library is advertised to take place on the 1st of October next and the five following days, and arrangements have been made to have the Athenæum represented.

The number of volumes added by purchase is 794; 428, including the Cooke bequest, (except duplicates) were gifts, and 105 were bound periodicals, total, 1327. The average price of the volumes bought was $1.68. The additions are almost all in the English language. Classified according to size there are:

Folios, ...	49
Quartos, ...	73
Octavos, ...	581
Duodecimos, ...	395
Sixteenmos, ...	229
	1327

Twenty-seven pamphlets were bought, and 263 were given during the year.

Among the additions by purchase are sixteen volumes from the income of the Carrington Hoppin bequest, at an expense of $170.44. The whole number of volumes purchased from this income is 51, at an expense of $263.75. A list of these is appended to this report. Agreeably to the expressed wish of Mr. Hoppin, these books are all "works relating to Italy and Italian art," and they are all stamped "Carrington Hoppin Bequest."

The annual examination of the Library in July showed that 927 volumes were not on the shelves. These, having been in circulation during the examination, have all been since returned, with the exception of four, which are reported as missing. Two of the six volumes reported as missing last year have been returned.

The misuse of books by turning down the leaves, mentioned in the last Report, has been much lessened by the use of book marks, which are provided and placed in each volume issued, with the date when it is to be returned to the Library thereon.

The number of volumes belonging to the Library September 1, 1883, was 42,014.

The circulation of books during the year was as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
Fiction,	18,994	55.34
History,	4,983	14.52
Poetry and belles lettres,	2,616	7.62
Art,	2,252	6.56
Religion,	2,064	6.01
Voyages and travels,	1,852	5.40
Periodicals,	1,324	3.86
Miscellaneous,	235	.69
	34,320	100.00

The total circulation is only two per cent. greater than that of the year before, and this gain is in Fiction. The increase in History and Religion is not so great as the decrease in Voyages and Travels; while the circulation in the other classes is about the same as in the preceding year. The total circulation is 691 volumes more than that of 1882, the circulation of Fiction is 769 volumes more.

The largest monthly issue was 3502 volumes, in March, and the largest daily issue was 259 volumes, on April 14th.

The Board suggest the propriety of having prepared and printed for the use of the shareholders, either an entirely new catalogue of the Library, or another supplementary catalogue. The first catalogue contains the volumes in the Library up to September, 1852, about 17,300. The supplementary catalogue contains the volumes added during a period of eight years, up to September, 1860, 7667, the whole number in both catalogues being about 25,000. The number of volumes added since the last date, a period of 23 years, is about 17,000, and about the same number contained in the first catalogue. The additions since September, 1860 have been printed each year, and appended to the annual Reports; but there is no printed index to them, and a complete catalogue of these 17,000 volumes, with an index, is now almost a necessity. This subject was alluded to in the last annual Report, and the Board desire to bring it again to the attention of the shareholders. As it involves quite a large expenditure, it is proper that they should initiate any action in the matter.

During the past year it came to the knowledge of the Board that persons had been, and were, making use of the Library contrary to its Rules and Regulations; owing partly to a misunderstanding of their meaning, and of the provisions of the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws with regard to the rights and privileges of stockholders. The evils of the practice under this misunderstanding became more obvious and serious after the permission given to each stockholder, by a vote passed at the annual meeting in 1880, to take from the Library four books instead of two at one time; which vote, subsequent experience has convinced the Board, was impolitic, unwise, and detrimental to the interests of the Athenæum, and ought to be rescinded.

Persons "hiring shares," so-called, in some instances, claimed and exercised the right to let out the privilege of taking one book, to one or more others, dividing the expense, six dollars, between them; and with this privilege to take books the right to use all the other privileges of the Athenæum was supposed to be granted, and was exercised.

The Board, under these circumstances, caused to be sent to each stockholder, and to be placed in the Library and Reading Room, a circular explaining the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws with regard to the rights of persons to use the privileges of the Athenæum, as follows:

1. Under Article 8 of the Constitution and Article 1 of the By-Laws, only stockholders and their immediate families are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Athenæum.

2. No individual, except a stockholder, can confer upon another any right to take out books or to use any of the other privileges of the Athenæum.

3. Under Article 1 of the By-Laws, if a stockholder transfers the use of his share to another person, as therein provided for,

such stockholder loses the right to all the privileges of the Athenæum during the time of such transfer, and such right becomes vested in the transferee during said time.

4. Under Article 1 of the By-Laws, the written order of a stockholder authorizing another person not a member of his immediate family, to take out books on his share, will confer no right to use any other privilege of a stockholder.

5. Under the following clause of Article 8 of the Constitution, "The Board of Directors may admit annual subscribers to the privileges of the Library on such terms and conditions as they may from time to time prescribe,". persons desiring to become annual subscribers must make written application to the Board; provided that the Library Committee may act upon such application, subject to the approval of the Board at its next meeting.

The Treasurer having received compensation in advance from the persons so "hiring shares," it was thought to be unjust to deprive them at once of the use of the Library, but they were notified that at the expiration of their time of hiring, no such right would be renewed or recognized.

There are, at the date of this report, six cases of this kind, the last of which will terminate October 27, 1883.

Under the provisions of the 8th section of the Constitution, the following persons have been admitted by the Board as annual subscribers to the privileges of the Library, on the payment of six dollars to the Treasurer:

Florence A. French from January 1, 1883.
Stephen R. Coleman from January 13, 1883.
William L. Lisle from February 5, 1883.
Andrew McC. Warren from June 23, 1883.
Charles L. Goodell from September 21, 1883.
William J. Cloues from September 21, 1883.

The Board, in addition to requiring written application to be made to them for the privilege of becoming annual subscribers, have made it a condition in all cases, that no annual subscribers shall have the right to transfer any of his privileges to another.

It also came to the knowledge of the Board that persons had claimed and exercised a right to the privileges of the Athenæum, under a rather broad interpretation of the words "immediate families," in the 1st section of the By-Laws; and the question coming before the Board in the case of a claimant to such a right, it was decided in his favor by a majority of one. This difference of opinion in the Board suggests the possibility that some ambiguity may exist in these words.

The matter of ventilation, which was alluded to in the last annual report, has been attended to. The two end divisions of the main roof skylight have been removed, and the Hayes pattern skylight, with ridge and base ventilators, have been substituted. After these skylights were placed in position, the flaps to close the ventilating openings were fitted with cords to operate from the attic. The sashes at the four corners of the flat ceiling skylight were also hung and fitted with chains to operate from the galleries in the main Library room, and are under control at all times; and when they are open, the air within the building is in constant gentle movement, and the result is a decidedly better ventilation. The cost of this improvement, including some slight repairs on the roof, was $401.51.

The windows in the basement have also been fitted with wire screens, which permit them to remain open all day during warm weather with security. The damp atmosphere in the basement is thus corrected, and a more equable temperature between the upper and lower rooms is obtained.

To this "detailed Report of the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the Institution," which

the Constitution requires, the Board can add nothing, beyond what has been so frequently and so forcibly expressed in former Reports, in relation to the value of this Library, and the importance to this community of maintaining and increasing its influence.

The Board regret to be obliged to repeat the statement, made in the last two Reports, that not a single new share has been sold during the year. It is certainly as surprising as it is lamentable, that as the Library increases from the avails of the taxes paid by the older shareholders, who have been contributing their five dollars each annually for so many years, there cannot be found in this large city more persons who are willing and ready, without any urging, to pay for a share in this large and annually increasing Library, the same sum which most of the present shareholders paid for a share in a Library of not half its size and value.

Undoubtedly the demand for shares has been seriously affected by the wrong ideas which have prevailed with regard to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws as to the rights of shareholders and others, particularly as to the dividing a share and giving each part-owner a full right to all the privileges of the Athenæum. These ideas having been corrected by the circular before mentioned and embodied in this Report, the Board trust that at the next annual meeting some improvement in this respect will be reported.

In behalf and by order of the Board of Directors.

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY, *President.*

W. M. Bailey, Jr., *Secretary.*

September 24, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 25, 1882		$2,724 57

RECEIPTS.

For tax of September 27, 1880, collected on one share.	$5 00	
For tax of September 26, 1881, collected on 12 shares.	60 00	
For tax of September 25, 1882, collected on 631 shares	3,155 00	
For tax of September 24, 1883, collected on 2 shares..	10 00	
For fifteen shares sold for taxes	166 25	
For fifteen rights to use library for one year, at $6....	90 00	
For three rights to use library for six months, at $4..	12 00	
For fines collected	308 09	
For extra books	16 80	
For books and furniture sold	10 45	
For amount from Carrington Hoppin Bequest	99 44	
For dividends and interest on investments	1,745 18	
		$5,678 21
		$8,402 78

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,281 28	
For books for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	99 44	
For periodicals.	290 80	
For binding	358 75	
For stationery	17 12	
For salaries	2,110 00	
For fuel	177 60	
For lighting	164 63	
For water	10 53	
For express and postage	47 60	
For printing and advertising	109 00	
For insurance, $110, less return premiums, $75	35 00	
For building and grounds	720 51	
For furniture	12 75	
For supplies	41 23	
For labor	50 09	
	$5,526 33	
Balance to new account	$2,876 45	
		$8,402 78

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares in Blackstone Canal National Bank, par...		$1,850 00	
63 shares in American National Bank.....		10,000 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie Railroad registered bonds, par.....		3,150 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghampton and New York Railroad registered bonds, par.....		10,000 00	
Deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation..... ...$1,500 00			
Interest accrued from April 29, 1882... ...	60 60	1,560 60	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company	3,000 00		
Balance of interest accrued to May 1, 1883.	202 74	3,202 74	
			$29,763 34

Taxes unpaid on fifty-three shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 24, 1883.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record," and	16	.....
American Antiquarian Society	1	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Congregational Association	.....	1
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	.....
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, *Boston*	.....	2
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich.*	.....	2
Apprentices Library Company, Philadelphia	.....	1
Arnold, James N., "Narragansett Historical Register"	.....	.....
Bailey, Benjamin D	1	.....
Bailey, W. Whitman, "New England Journal of Education," and	.....	5
Barber, G. W., *Milwaukee Co., Wis.*	.....	1
Bartlett, John R	1	.....
Beckwith, *Miss* A. G.	1	.....
Beckwith, Daniel	15	.....
Beckwith, Henry T., "Newport Historical Magazine," and	1	.....
Birmingham, *England*, Free Libraries	.....	1
Boston, City Messenger	1	1
Boston Public Library	.....	4
Brighton, *England*, Mayor	1	.....
Brinley, Francis, *Newport.*	.....	1
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Brooklyn Library	.....	2
Brown, Obadiah, Trustees of Benevolent Fund of	1	.....
Brown University	.....	2
Bunker Hill Monument Association	1	.....
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Child, Edward F.	32	.....
Cincinnati Board of Education	1	.....
Clark, George H	1	.....
Cleveland Public School Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	1
Collet, C. D., *London, England.*	9	94
Cooke, Joseph J., estate	356	.....
Curry, J. L. M., *Richmond, Va.*	.....	1
Donnell, E	.....	2
Dorrance, Samuel R.	.....	1
Everett, Richard J., *Boston.*	1	.....
Fall River Public Library	.....	2

	Vols.	Pamph.
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	1	1
Green, Arnold		2
Green, Samuel S., *Worcester, Mass*		2
Hart, Charles Henry, *Philadelphia*		1
Hartford Library Association		3
Hazard, Thomas R., *Newport*	1	
Hinckley, Frederic A	1	
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*	1	1
Jones, Augustine		2
Kansas State Board of Agriculture	1	
Kendall, *Miss* Jane W	1	
King, Moses, *Cambridge, Mass*		1
Lawrence Public Library		1
Library Company of Philadelphia		2
Lockwood, Amos D	1	
Manchester, *England*, Free Public Libraries		1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Boston*		2
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston*	2	13
Mercantile Library Association, *New York*		1
Mercantile Library Association, *San Francisco*		1
Mercantile Library Company, *Philadelphia*		4
Merriam Augustus C., *New York*		1
Nagle, John T., *New York*		2
Newell, Timothy		1
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston*		4
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C*		2
Ohio Mechanics Institute, *Cincinnati*		2
Ordway, A. L	1	
Parkhurst, Charles H		1
Parsons, Charles W	1	
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass*		1
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky, *Louisville*		1
Providence City Messenger	3	
" City Registrar		1
" Mayor		1
Providence Public Library		1
Rhode Island Board of State Charities and Corrections		2
" " Board of Women Visitors		1
" " Secretary of State	2	
" " State Board of Education	1	
" " State Board of Health	2	
Rhode Island Historical Society		1
Rhode Island Hospital		2
Rhode Island Medical Society		2
Richards, C. A. L		2
Richardson, *Miss*		1
Rose Polytechnic Institute, *Terre Haute, Ind*		1
St. Louis Public School Library		3
Shaw and Swartz		2
Sheridan, Philip H., *Chicago*		1
Smithsonian Institution, *Washington, D. C*	10	3
Tarbell, Charles F		5
Taunton Public Library		1
Titcomb, Frank L		1
United States, Bureau of Education		11
" " Chief of Engineers	6	

	Vols.	Pamph.
United States Chief Signal Officer	2	.....
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	.....
" " Department of State	.....	25
" " Department of the Interior	19	1
" " Director of the Mint	1	3
" " Librarian of Congress	.....	1
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette," and	1	.....
University of Rochester	.....	1
Webb, Samuel H.	.....	2
Woodbury, Augustus	12	3
Worcester Free Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	1	.....
Yale College, *New Haven, Conn.*	.....	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1883.

	Share, No.
Abbott Harlan P.	93
Adams George J.	619
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Zachariah*	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares,	195, 638
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Anthony Sarah C.	486
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556

	Share, No.
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Balch Abby P.	205
Balch John R.	339
Balch Mary Howard	644
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barnes Harriet M.	596
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Barstow John*	310
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Belden, Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	674
Benedict Maria M.	301

*Deceased.

	Share, No.
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Bevan Alexander	112
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	284
Blackwood James W.	154
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blanding William B.	40
Blodgett Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Clarissa F.	366
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Bridge A. Alice	169
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	454
Brown Thomas	212
Brown William Waterman	219
Browne George H.	585
Browne Sarah B.	594
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock William P.*	144
Burges Walter S.	78
Burnham George H.	163
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butler Mary A.	358
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W. Jr.,	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter George M.	374
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Carver Alexander B.	503
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace George I.	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zachariah Jr.	555
Channing William F.	105
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Charles V.	423
Chapin George W.	337
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chase William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coats James	686
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Collins George L.*	526
Colwell James W.	641
Congdon George W.	257
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook, Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranston Francis A.	131
Cranston, Henry C.	538
Creighton J. Hamilton	281

	Share, No.
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.	561
Cross William J.	29
Cutler Edward H.	153
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Dana Newton C.	344
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart, William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis George A.	123
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	208
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorr Sullivan	380
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares,	92, 670
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	337
Dunnell Jacob W.	412
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Dyer John F.	259
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Ely James W. C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48

	Share, No.
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
Fifield Moses	166
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	556
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
FitzGerald, Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Joseph	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Matilda K.	467
Glezen Edward K	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P	582
Gorham John	427
Gower George Lewis	627
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E	429
Greene Albert C.	164
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	72
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.	617
Greene William R.	167
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grosvenor William	108

	Share, No.
Gurney P. Eugene*	628
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hall Clifton A	391
Ham Benjamin W.	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris C. Fiske*	204
Harris Cyrus	221
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, as required by the Constitution, herewith respectfully submit to the Corporation their forty-ninth annual report.

The executive officers of the Athenæum have remained unchanged since January, 1883, having been reëlected at the first meeting of the present Board of Directors, held last October.

In February last, Professor E. W. Blake, Jr. resigned his position as a member of the Library Committee. His resignation was accepted with regret, and Amasa M. Eaton, Esq. was elected in his place.

Mr. Daniel Beckwith and Miss Mary M. Angell continue their efficient services as Librarian and Assistant Librarian. In December, 1883, it was voted, "That the Library Committee be authorized to employ assistance to make necessary preparations to catalogue the Library, and also for the completion of the Card Catalogue." In accordance with this vote, at the beginning of the year, the services of Miss Louise Richardson as second assistant were secured to continue during the preparation of the Catalogue. This work, begun in December last, is still in progress. It was assigned to Miss Angell, who has devoted much time and skill to her important task. Up to the present date, cards have

been written, cataloguing by author, title and subject, all the additions to the Library,—inclusive of the Cooke bequest,—made during the year beginning in September, 1883. The number of volumes catalogued is 1581. An appropriate case for the cards, and a new desk for the clerical work connected with the catalogue, have been added to the furniture of the Library.

In December, 1883, it was voted that the Committee on Building and Grounds be authorized to close the front entrance to the Athenæum and the steps leading to the same, allowing people to enter only by the lower doors during the winter months. This vote also directed that suitable board walks to these doors should be provided.

It was further voted that the same committee be also authorized to have double windows placed in the two alcoves in which are the stairways.

Some repairs in the building have been necessary. In April last, repairs were ordered on the tin roof, gutters and jet of the building. In June the boiler of the heating apparatus was repaired. During the present month the stone steps in front of the building have been reset.

For several years during midsummer the Athenæum has been closed in the afternoon from one o'clock to three. This year it has remained open throughout the day, to the accommodation, doubtless, of some who find these hours convenient for visiting the Library and reading room.

The financial condition of the Athenæum is shown by the following summary of the Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand Sept. 24, 1883, ...	$2876 45

RECEIPTS.

From shares sold, ...	241 50
From taxes, fines, etc., ...	3813 82
From dividends and interest, ...	1707 73
	$8639 50

EXPENDITURES.

For salaries, ...	$2473 50
For books and periodicals, ...	1958 01
For other purposes, ...	1468 62
Balance on hand Sept. 22, 1884, ...	2739 37
	$8639 50

Further details of the expenditures, as usual, will be given in the Treasurer's Report.

Four new shares have been sold. Thirty-four shares have been sold for taxes. Under the provisions of the eighth section of the Constitution the following persons have been admitted by the Board, as annual subscribers, to the privileges of the Library, on the payment of six dollars to the Treasurer:

Mrs. Sarah D. Kimball, (Blackstone, Mass.,)	from Oct. 1, 1883.
Mr. Edwin M. Dodd, ...	from Nov. 5, 1883.
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Mr. John Fretwell, ...	from June 2, 1884.
Mr. Andrew McC. Warren, ...	from June 23, 1884.
Rev. William M. Lisle, ...	from Feb. 5, 1884.

As reported last year, the Board require a written application to be made for the privilege of becoming

an annual subscriber, and make it a condition in all cases, that no annual subscriber shall have the right to transfer any of his privileges to another. Further they have refused to admit any one to the privileges of subscription for any period less than a year.

In July last permission was given Mr. Charles H. Prouty to photograph for his private use and not for circulation the painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds belonging to the Athenæum, subject to such conditions as should be imposed by the Library Committee. Mr. Prouty faithfully observed these conditions, and after securing for his own use what was allowed him by the committee, presented the negative of his photograph to the Athenæum. The Directors, finding the photograph one of unusual excellence, and believing that its publication will add to the praise of the beautiful original, have allowed additional copies to be sold for the benefit of the Athenæum. They may be obtained of the Librarians for one dollar.

The Librarian reports that the Library is in good condition. It owned, on the first of September 43,656 volumes. The number of volumes added during the year is much larger than in any previous year. This is due not to the number of volumes bought, for that number several times has been exceeded, but to the fact that the books procured for the Athenæum at the Cooke sales in October, and in December, 1883, come within the year. The number of volumes received from the Cooke bequest is 671, which added to the 288 reported a year ago, make 959 volumes. There were added:

By purchase, ...	830
By gift, ...	751
By binding periodicals, . . .	133
	1714

Classified according to size, there are:

Folios, ...	83
Quartos, ...	161
Octavos, ...	709
Duodecimos, ...	459
Sixteenmos, ...	302
	1714

The average cost of the books bought is $1.59 per volume. Of the 134 pamphlets received during the year, seven were bought.

The most valuable gifts are, of course, those of the Cooke bequest. Next to these in value are the publications sent by the Smithsonian Institution, the publications of the Census Office, and the Congressional Record, (both sent at the request of the Hon. N. W. Aldrich,) the Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office with indexes, (sent at the request of the Hon. H. J. Spooner,) and some other government publications.

Among the purchases are 9 volumes of works on Italian Art, and 4 parts of the work (not yet completed,) "La Basilica di San Marco in Venezia," bought from the Carrington Hoppin Fund at a cost of $123.12.

The circulation of the Library for the past year was 36,269, classified as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
Fiction, ...	20,724	57.14
History, ...	4,660	12.85
Poetry and belles lettres, . .	2,990	8.24
Art, ...	2,164	5.97
Religion, ...	2,154	5.94
Voyages and travels, . . .	1,910	5.26
Periodicals, ...	1,667	4.60
	36,269	100.00

This circulation is nearly six per cent. larger than that of the preceding year, and the gain is mostly in fiction. The ratio of fiction to the whole circulation, for four years, or since four books have been given out on each share, has been 52, 54, 55 and 57 per cent. The largest monthly issue was 3839 volumes, in March, and the largest daily issue was 304, on March 1st.

The Library was examined between the 15th and 30th of July, and 1017 volumes were missing. These volumes have since been returned, with the exception of eight, which are hereby reported as missing. Two of the four volumes reported as missing last year, have since been found.

The Directors recommend as usual, the assessment of an annual tax of five dollars a share. In connection with this recommendation, they would call attention to the following extract from the By-Laws of the Athenæum, Article 4:

"If any assessment, made agreeably to the Constitution, remain unpaid for thirty days after the delinquent stockholder, or his legal representative, shall have been duly notified by the Treasurer of the existence of the same against him, the Board may direct such delinquent's share to be disposed of by public sale."

The annual tax is due on or before the first of October, and it is the sentiment of the Directors that a prompt payment of the same is important and necessary. The Treasurer's services are entirely gratuitous. The duties of his office demand of him much time and careful attention. He should not be subjected to the unnecessary annoyance of calling repeatedly upon dilatory stockholders for the payment of their dues.

In closing, the Directors desire to express their belief that the past year has been one of marked prosperity in the condition of the Athenæum. The Library has been considerably enlarged, and the preparations that have been made for cataloguing it, will eventually contribute greatly to its usefulness for readers and students. There is still opportunity for increasing the number of those who shall share in its advantages, and join in supporting and improving them. It is believed that the number of stockholders might be made larger, if it were more generally understood how liberal and valuable the privileges are which the Athenæum offers at so modest a price.

Here we might end our report. But we can not refrain from adding a word more not demanded of us as an official duty. We need not report here, what we all deplore, the death of one who for many years was prominent in all good offices to this institution. We need not tell those whom we here address, how many and how great were the services of our late President, Mr. Alexander Farnum. When he resigned office over a year ago, your Directors "placed on record their grateful appreciation of his long continued and faithful labors in behalf of the institution." These labors, and

so many others in the cause of good letters, humanity and piety, were ended in the final rest on the 11th of May, 1884. It will be long before we shall cease to lament the death of one who taken in his prime had done so much, and seemed to have yet more to do for all that in this community stands for sound learning, good citizenship and liberal culture. In our annals and in our memories he has his own place select and apart. May our sense of what we lost in him stimulate us all to heed his example.

In behalf and by order of the Board of Directors.

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY, *President.*

W. M. Bailey, Jr., *Secretary.*

Providence, September 22, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 25, 1883		$2,876 45

RECEIPTS.

Four new shares, @ $15	$60 00	
Thirty four shares sold for taxes	181 50	
Taxes collected on shares	3,265 00	
Rights to use library	63 00	
Fines collected	277 13	
Books and photographs sold	64 01	
Extra books	21 56	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest	123 12	
Dividends and interest on investments	1,707 73	
		$5,763 05
Total		$8,639 50

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,489 26	
Books for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	123 12	
Periodicals	345 63	
Binding	435 35	
Salaries	2,473 50	
Fuel	186 30	
Lighting	156 27	
Water	10 00	
Express and postage	50 40	
Printing and advertising	97 00	
Insurance less return premium	24 50	
Building and grounds	285 13	
Furniture	84 90	
Supplies	66 28	
Labor	72 49	
Total	$5,900 13	
Balance to new account	2,739 37	
		$8,639 50

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares Blackstone Canal National Bank, par.....		$1,850 00	
63 shares American National Bank, par.....		3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie Railroad registered bonds, par.....		10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghamton and New York Railroad registered bonds, par.....		10,000 00	
Deposit on participation R. I. Hospital Trust Co....		1,623 62	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest on participation Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co..	3,000 00		
Balance interest accrued to April 30, 1884..	211 02	3,211 02	
			$29,834 64

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 22, 1884.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record"	.....	.....
American Antiquarian Society	.....	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	2	.....
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Philological Association	.....	1
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	.....
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	.....	2
Apprentices Library Company, *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Apprentices Library of the City of New York	.....	1
Arnold, James N., "Narragansett Historical Register"	.....	.....
Bailey, W. Whitman, "New England Journal of Education"	.....	.....
Baker, William E. S., *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Beckwith, *Miss* A. G.	1	1
Beckwith, Daniel	8	.....
Beckwith, Henry T.	1	2
Boston, City Messenger	1	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	4
Bowen, Holder Borden, "Le case ed i monumenti di Pompeii," 3 parts	.....	.....
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston*	.....	1
Brinley, Francis, *Newport*	.....	1
Brookline Public Library	.....	1
Brooklyn Library	.....	2
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Chace, Arnold B.	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Cleveland Public Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	1
Cooke, Joseph J., estate	671	.....
Douglas, Charles H. J., "Fortnightly Index"	.....	.....
Eaton, Amasa M.	.....	1
Engler, E. A., *St. Louis*	.....	2
Fisher, Orville	4	.....
Fisher, Virgil	1	.....
Folsom, Albert A., *Boston*	.....	1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	.....	1
Green, Arnold	.....	3
Green, Samuel S., *Worcester*	.....	1
Guild, Reuben A.	.....	1
Hart, Charles Henry, *Philadelphia*	.....	2
Hartford Library Association	.....	5
Huntingdon, W. R., *Worcester*	1	.....
Jones, Augustine	.....	1
Lawrence Public Library	1	1
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	1
Long Island Historical Society	.....	1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Manchester, *England*, Free Public Libraries	.....	1
Manhattan Magazine Co., *New York*, "Manhattan Magazine"	.....	.....
Mason, George C., Jr., *Newport*	.....	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Boston*	.....	1
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston*	1	.....
Mercantile Library Association, *New York*	.....	1
Mercantile Library Company, *Philadelphia*	.....	5
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston*	.....	4
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington*	.....	7
Oakland, *Cal.*, Superintendent of Public Schools	.....	1
Ohio Mechanics Institute, *Cincinnati*	.....	1
Parsons, Charles W	1	.....
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass*	.....	1
Poole, William F., *Chicago*	.....	1
Porter, Edward G., *Lexington, Mass*	.....	1
Providence, City Auditor	.....	1
" City Messenger	2	.....
" Mayor	.....	7
Providence Public Library	.....	2
Public Park Association of Providence	.....	4
Rhode Island Board of State Charities and Corrections	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	6	1
" " State Board of Education	1	.....
" " State Board of Health	2	.....
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	2
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	1
Rhode Island Medical Society	.....	1
Richards, C. A. L	.....	1
Rogers, Horatio	.....	1
Royal Society of Canada	1	.....
St. Louis Public School Library	.....	2
Shedd, Mrs. J. Herbert	1	.....
Slocum, Charles E., *Defiance, Ohio*	1	.....
Smithsonian Institution, *Washington*	8	.....
Springfield City Library Association	.....	1
Stockwell, George A.	.....	2
Taft, Royal C	1	.....
United States, Bureau of Education	1	10
" " Bureau of Engineers	5	2
" " Census Office	8	.....
" " Chief Signal Officer	.....	1
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	2	.....
" " Entomological Commission	1	.....
" " Hydrographic Office, 1 map and 10 pilot charts	.....	.....
" " Department of the Treasury	1	.....
" " Life Saving Service	.....	1
" " Office of Naval Intelligence	2	.....
" " Patent Office, Official Gazette and	2	.....
University of Minnesota	.....	1
University of Rochester	.....	1
Wayland, Francis	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus, "Andover Review" and	6	2
Worcester Free Public Library	1	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	.....	1
Yale College, *New Haven*	.....	1
Young Mens' Association, *Buffalo*	.....	2

LIST OF PROPRIETORS,

REPORTED TO THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1884.

	Share, No.
Abbott Harlan P.	93
Abbott Josephine L.	703
Aborn Jennie P.	377
Adams George J.	619
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Zachariah*	8
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares,	195, 638
Anthony Gardner Chace	486
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.*	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Armington Pardon	254
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Arnold Welcome*	142
Arnold William S.*	388
Ashley Lucius C.	162
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Aylsworth Hiram B.	702
Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Balch John R.	339
Balch Mary Howard	644
Ballou William H.	106
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Elizabeth T.	310
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	700
Beckwith Henry T.	269

* Deceased.

	Share, No.
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Belden, Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	674
Benedict Maria M.	301
Benificent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Binney William	558
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Henry A.	562
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Bridge A. Alice	169
Bridgham Joseph	250
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	166
Brown Thomas	212
Brown Walter F.	85
Browne George H.	585
Browne Sarah B.	594
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134
Bullock Julia	502
Bullock William P.*	144
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Edwin A.	682
Burnham George H.	163
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390

	Share, No.
Bush Elodie	455
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butler Mary A.	358
Butts Eliza T.	611
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	688
Capron Elizabeth C.	235
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter George M.	374
Carpenter Sturgis P.*	79
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Amanda M.	581
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace Camilla H.	205
Chace George I.	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zachariah, Jr.	555
Channing William F.	105
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Charles V.	423
Chapin Cornelia S.	653
Chapin George W.	337
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chace William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coats James	686
Coe Marcy W.	14
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Coleman Stephen R.	393
Collins George L.*	526
Colwell James W.	641
Congdon George W.	267
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592

	Share, No.
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranston Francis A.	131
Cranston Henry C.	538
Creighton J. Hamilton	281
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Crosby Wilson G.	112
Cross James M.	561
Cross William J.	29
Cutler Edward H.	153
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Dana Newton C.	344
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.*	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis George A.	123
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorr Sullivan	380
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares, 92,	670
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	337
Dunnell Jacob W.	412
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Dyer John F.	259

	Share, No.
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Eiswald Lucy A.	676
Ely Joseph C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander*	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	556
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
FitzGerald Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Joseph	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fourth Baptist Church	588
French Florence	586
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Matilda K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares, 234,	406
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gower George Lewis	627
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Charles A.	164
Greene Edward A.	213

	Share, No.
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	72
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.	617
Greene William R.	167
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grosvenor William	108
Gurney P. Eugene*	623
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hall Clifton A.	391
Ham Benjamin W.	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Cyrus	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Thomas	353
Harrison Joseph	626
Hart Charles	558
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Haskins Adeline G.	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W., Jr.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Henshaw Rebecca P.	619
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hill Nathaniel P. (Colorado)	688
Hinckley Frederick A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Holbrook Albert	451
Holbrook Uriah H.*	577
Hope Street Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Sarah D.	219
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton Walter S.	663
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Albert C.	550

	Share, No.
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W.	581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William R.*	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson John T.	120
Jackson Rachel M.	346
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	455
Jencks Marcia M.	127
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jillson Charles D.	461
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares, 373,	699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	446
Keech Mary T.	200
Keith James G.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	109
Kendall Jane W.	88
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.*	148
King Charles G.*	668
King William J.	571
Klapp Lyman	541
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Robert	616
Knight Webster	660
Knowles Edward P.*	488
Knowles John P.	71
Knowles Joseph*	268
Knowles Joseph B.	512
Knowles Stephen M.	154
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Larchar John*	89
Larned Edwin C.	95
Larned Samuel	306
Leach Daniel	515
Lester J. Erastus	572
Lewis John D.	55

	Share, No.
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Henry	68
Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	698
Lonsdale John F.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McIlvaine J. Hall	508
Mackinney Herbert G.	204
Manchester Emma L.	478
Mansfield Albert T.	114
Manton Louisa*	551
Manton Robert G.	634
Martin Annie F.	328
Martin Sylvester G.	419
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Ch.	36
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A.	132
Merrill William S.*	314
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf George, Jr.	672
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Horace G.	632
Miller William B. M.	523
Millett Thomas A.	396
Ministry at Large	491
Mitchell Thomas L.	452
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Moulton Edmund T.	609
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mowry William G. R.	10
Mumford Charles C.	226
Munro Harriet M.	596
Murray Robert, Jr.	379
Newcome Mary L.	681

	Share, No.
Nichols Charles A.*	613
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale Anna E.	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.*	493
Nisbet William D.	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Oldfield John,* 2 shares,	174, 292
Olney Frank F.	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John H.	251
Ormsbee John S.	347
Osborn William*	340
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen George, Jr.	501
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Mary W.	469
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Packard Lilian E.	284
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares,	111, 487
Paige Henry	632
Paine Amasa	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Park William H.	363
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263
Patten William S.*	237
Payne Abraham	497
Payton Eliza J.	264
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, 2 shares,	421, 608
Pearce Edward D.*	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen M.	18
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.*	376
Peck Walter A.	126
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Joseph C.*	319

	Share, No.
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Thomas*	22
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phetteplace James S.	508
Phillips George R.	579
Phillips Thomas*	378
Pierce George A.	218
Pierce William G.*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Pitman John*	63
Poland William C.	694
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emery H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Elisha R.*	677
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K.	578
Potter Henry A. L., Jr.	473
Potter William H.	139
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randall Thomas A.	291
Randolph John R., 2 shares,	521, 606
Rathbone Watie	322
Rawson Henry M.	675
Rawson Mary E.	387
Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares,	84, 432
Read John R.	543
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Fitz James	355
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richards Samuel*	238
Richardson James	658
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Harriet T.	525
Richmond Howard	46
Richmond Walter	652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Ripley James M.	28
Risley John E., Jr.	483
Robinson Charles P.	459
Robinson E. G.	236
Robinson William A.*	489
Rogers Horatio	400

	Share, No.
Russell Hope B.	3
Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Frederick M.	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi	575
Saniewska Irene S.	701
Sawin Isaac W.	241
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524
Sawyer Charles Freeman	657
Sawyer John W.	435
Schmid Albert J.	691
Seabury Frederick N.	664
Seagrave Caleb	217
Seagrave George A.	466
Sessions Mary J.	327
Sharpe Lucian	595
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Shaw James, Jr.	665
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CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE

THE ATHENÆUM IN PROVIDENCE.

PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1836.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That Moses Brown, Nicholas Brown, Thomas Burgess, &c.,* together with each person who shall hereafter become a stockholder or proprietor in the same, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, constituted and made a body corporate and politic, in the city of Providence, by the name and style of THE ATHENÆUM, with perpetual succession; and by that name shall have power to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to prosecute and defend all suits in law or in equity; to have, hold, use and dispose of at their pleasure, goods, chattels, lands and tenements, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of books, papers, furniture, and collections in science and the arts; to make by-laws for the management of their concerns, and for the regulation of their library, and affix penalties to the breach thereof,—*Provided* such by-laws be not repugnant to law; to elect all necessary officers, and prescribe the tenure of their offices and their duties; to hold meetings as often as occasion may require, ten to be a quorum, until other provisions be made on the subject by said corporation; to impose taxes on the owners of shares in said corporation; and generally to have all the privileges and powers incident to corporations instituted for library and scientific purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the share of each corporator shall be liable for all taxes assessed thereon, and may be sold for the payment thereof, under such terms, and in such manner, as shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

* A large list of names is omitted for the sake of brevity.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Zachariah Allen be authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving public notice of the time and place of such meeting, in two of the newspapers printed in Providence, at least five days previous to the time appointed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act of incorporation shall be subject to all future acts of the General Assembly in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

AN ACT in amendment of an act entitled "An Act to incorporate The Athenæum, in Providence."

PASSED AT THE OCTOBER SESSION, A. D. 1850.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

The said corporation shall hereafter be known by the name and style of "THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM," instead of "THE ATHENÆUM," as is now by its charter provided; and so much thereof as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 29, 1836.

ARTICLE 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, and not less than seven nor more than thirteen Directors, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors. The Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be chosen, (and by ballot if required by fifteen of the members present,) at the annual meeting of the members; and shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are chosen in their places:* *Provided*, that when they are not chosen at the annual meeting, the election may take place at any other meeting called in the manner prescribed in Article 7th of this Constitution. The Directors shall choose the President and Vice-President, from their own body, or

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* See alteration at end of Constitution.

from the members at large; and shall fill all vacancies which occur during the year.

ART. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, preserve order therein, give the casting vote, and perform all other duties which usually appertain to such an office. In case of his absence, the Vice-President shall supply his place, and in case of their absence, the senior Director present shall preside.

ART. 3. The Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Directors, keep a fair record of their respective proceedings, and conduct all the correspondence of the institution, according to the direction of the Board; he shall keep a regular record of the number of shares owned in the institution, placing opposite each, the name of the owner thereof, and he shall present, at each annual meeting, a list of the names of the stockholders in the institution.

ART. 4. The Treasurer shall keep an exact and faithful account (in a book to be kept for that purpose) of all the financial concerns and property of the institution, and collect and receive all money due, or belonging thereto. He shall pay no bills but by order of the Board, under such regulations as they prescribe, and shall make a detailed report of the state of the Treasury, and of the financial concerns of the institution, at each annual meeting of the Corporation, and also whenever required so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Corporation. He shall also give bond, to the satisfaction of the Board, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ART. 5. The Board of Directors shall direct the purchase of books, and transact, manage, and regulate all affairs of the institution, of every kind, not otherwise provided for by the Corporation; and shall present, at the annual meeting, a detailed report of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the institution.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting of the Corporation, to be holden at the rooms of the institution, (unless elsewhere appointed and notified by order of the Board of Directors,) on the fourth Monday of February in each year,* for the choice of

* See vote, at the end of the Constitution, altering the time of the annual meeting.

directors and other officers, and for the transaction of other business. There shall be monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, at such time and place as they appoint, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President whenever he deems it expedient. Special meetings of the Corporation shall be called by the Secretary, upon request in writing signed by twenty members; and also whenever the Board of Directors deem it expedient.

ART. 7. All meetings of the Corporation shall be notified by advertising the same, one week previously thereto, in one or more of the newspapers published in Providence. Ten members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Corporation. The Secretary shall cause all meetings of the Board to be duly notified, on or before the day of the respective meetings, and at such meetings five shall be required to form a quorum.

ART. 8. Any individual who shall pay into the Treasury fifteen dollars, shall be a stockholder or proprietor, and entitled to one share of the joint stock of the Corporation, which shall be transferable. And he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges secured to stockholders, or proprietors, by the laws of the Corporation, and subject to all the rules and regulations therein made and provided. The Board of Directors may admit annual subscribers to the privileges of the Library, on such terms and conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

ART. 9. Each stockholder or proprietor shall be furnished with a certificate of each share by him owned, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, in the following form, viz:

PROVIDENCE,

This certifies that is proprietor of share No. ——, in the Athenænm, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a proprietor, and subject to all the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Corporation.

A. B., President.

C. D., Secretary.

ART. 10. Each stockholder or proprietor shall be entitled to one vote, by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the Corporation, subject however to

the restrictions specified by the by-laws; and shall be liable for all assessments voted by the Corporation, provided the same do not exceed five dollars per annum on each share.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at any meeting of the Corporation, provided it be inserted in the notice for that meeting, that an amendment of the Constitution will be then proposed: *And provided also*, That two-thirds of the members present at such meeting approve the same.

ALTERATIONS.

At the first Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Athenæum, held on the fourth Monday of February, (the 27th,) 1837,

It was voted, That the words, "on the fourth Monday of February," in the sixth article of the Constitution, be erased, and the words, "on the fourth Monday of September," be substituted in their place.

At the eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Athenæum, held on the fourth Monday of September, (the 26th,) 1853, article 1st was amended as follows:

"The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, and not less then seven nor more than thirteen Directors, of whom three in the order of seniority shall be annually ineligible for reëlection for the term of one year, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors," etc.

BY-LAWS.

RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. Stockholders and their immediate families shall have a right to the privileges of the Athenæum. A stockholder may transfer the use of his share to another person, for any time not less than three months, and said transfer shall be made in writing and recorded. A stockholder by his written order may authorize another person to take out books on his share.

Art. 2. Each stockholder may introduce strangers from abroad, who shall be entitled to the free use of the Athenæum, (except the right to take out books) for the term of one month thereafter, upon recording their names in a book to be kept for that purpose, together with the name of the person by whom introduced, who shall be responsible for their observance of the by-laws and regulations of the institution.

Art. 3. No stockholder, nor persons claiming under him, shall be allowed any of the rights or privileges of the institution, so long as he is subjected to any penalty incurred, or neglects or refuses to pay the fines standing against him, after being notified thereof.

Art. 4. If any assessment, made agreeably to the constitution, remain unpaid for thirty days after the delinquent stockholder, or his legal representative, shall have been duly notified by the Treasurer of the existence of the same against him, the Board may direct such delinquent's share to be disposed of by public sale, and if the proceeds of the sale exceed the amount due to the institution, the surplus shall be paid over to said delinquent, and a new certificate, signed by the President and Secretary, shall be issued, conveying to the purchaser as full and perfect a title to the share sold, as was originally possessed by the former owner thereof.

Art. 5. No transfer of a share shall be valid, unless the stockholder transferring, satisfy the Secretary that there is no penalty in force against him, and present written evidence from the Treasurer and Librarian that there exist no claims against said stockholder, and unless a record of such transfer be made by the Secretary, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY, READING ROOM, AND OTHER ROOMS.

Article 1. The Library shall be kept open on such days, and at such hours, as the Board may direct.

Art. 2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the words "Providence Athenæum," and if donations to the institution, shall, unless otherwise requested, be inscribed with

the names of the donors in such manner as the Board may direct.

ART. 3. Every shareholder of or annual subscriber to the Athenæum shall be allowed to take out four volumes at a time, of which two shall not have been added to the Library within one year past, and may retain the same two weeks, and every person shall be subjected to a fine of two cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified period.

ART. 4. Every book shall be returned in good order, regard being had to the reasonable wear thereof. If any book shall be lost or injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall replace it by a new volume, or set, if it belong to a set, or pay the value thereof, as determined by the Library Committee, and thereupon the remainder of the set, if it belonged to one, shall be delivered to the person paying therefor.

ART. 5. No book shall be delivered to any one excepting a stockholder, or one of the immediate family of a stockholder, or upon the written order of a stockholder, except in such cases as are designated in article tenth.

ART. 6. No book shall be taken from the Library without the written receipt of the person taking the same.

ART. 7. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves whenever he may deem such removal improper.

ART. 8. No book shall be lent by any person taking the same, under a penalty of one dollar.

ART. 9. The Library Committee shall from time to time specify what works, on account of their rarity or value, shall not be taken from the Athenæum, except by their permission. No periodical or pamphlet shall be taken from the Athenæum, except by permission of the Library Committee, until the same shall be bound in a volume.

ART. 10. The Board may, on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes connected with objects of public utility, or, in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals, not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum, under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem it advisable to impose.

Art. 11. Any person taking a book or periodical from the Athenæum, contrary to the regulations, shall be liable to forfeit his right to the privileges of the Athenæum for one year, and if any individual shall wilfully mutilate or deface any book, or other property of the Athenæum, he shall be subject to such forfeiture of his rights or privileges in the institution as the Board shall direct.

Art. 12. All books shall be returned at such time as the Board may order, when the Board shall see that a careful examination of the Library is made; and any person neglecting to conform to such order, shall be liable to such penalty, not exceeding one dollar, as the Board may direct.

Art. 13. The Librarian, with his Assistants, shall be appointed by the Board, with such compensation as the Board may determine. It shall be his duty to maintain the strictest order and decorum in the Athenæum Rooms, and to enforce an exact observance of the regulations pertaining thereto; to deliver books to those entitled to them, to examine each book on its return to the Library, before it is permitted to be taken out again, or is replaced on the shelves, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any injury has been done to the same, and if any, who did it, or is responsible therefor, and to turn up all leaves that have been turned down, and to place in their proper position all maps or plates that may have been wrongly folded, to preserve in proper order all books, pamphlets, charts, &c., before permitting them to be used; and, under the direction of the Board, to make a full and accurate catalogue of the same, alphabetically classified in the several departments of literature and science to which they respectively belong; to record in a book kept for the purpose, all donations to the institution, keep a regular account of all fines incurred, and collect and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and report to the Board, at each monthly meeting, all donations and communications received by him since the last preceding meeting, and all violations of the regulations of his department. He shall, moreover, perform such other duties pertaining to his office, as the Corporation or Board may from time to time prescribe.

Art. 14. For their better preservation, the Librarian shall (until the Board otherwise direct) cover the books with thick

paper, previously to their being taken from the Athenæum, and shall require that they be returned in like order.

Art. 15. Any book taken out by one stockholder, shall first be returned to the Library before it can be taken out by another stockholder; and when so returned, it shall be delivered to the first one who shall afterwards apply for the same, and no book shall be reserved or promised by the Librarian, in any case whatever.

Art. 16. Books, pamphlets, or other articles, not the property of the Corporation, may be deposited in the Athenæum, under the regulations of the Board; and all deposits shall be at the risk of the owners.

Art. 17. Every person shall be held responsible for any book charged to him on the Librarian's book, unless he see the entry erased, or the word *returned* written against it, on his returning it to the Librarian.

Art. 18. All books shall remain one week on a table in the Reading-Room, after being purchased or presented.

Art. 10. No periodical, pamphlet, or book of reference, which may be placed on the tables in the Reading-Room, shall be taken from said room.

Art. 20. No loud conversation shall be permitted in any of the rooms of the Athenæum; and any conduct, any way inconsistent with the purposes to which they are appropriated, shall subject the offender, at the discretion of the Board, to a deprivation of any or of all the privileges of the institution. The Board may, however, should they deem such an arrangement desirable, designate some one of the rooms of the Athenæum, which may be used as a room for conversation.

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DECEMBER 4TH, 1882.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board of Directors of the Athenæum that the rights and privileges of the Institution have been made use of by persons not entitled thereto,

Voted, That the Board hereby direct the Librarian and Assistant Librarian to conform hereafter strictly to the following interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Library Regulations.

1. Under Article 8 of the Constitution and Article 1 of the By-Laws, only stockholders and their immediate families are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Athenæum.

2. No individual, except a stockholder, can confer upon another any right to take out books or to use any of the other privileges of the Athenæum.

3. Under Article 1 of the By-Laws, if a stockholder transfers the use of his share to another person, as therein provided for, such stockholder loses the right to all the privileges of the Athenæum during the time of such transfer, and such right becomes vested in the transferee during said time.

4. Under Article 1 of the By-Laws, the written order of a stockholder authorizing another person not a member of his immediate family to take out books on his share, will confer no right to use any other privilege of a stockholder.

5. Under the following clause of Article 8 of the Constitution, "The Board of Directors may admit annual subscribers to the privileges of the Library on such terms and conditions as they may from time to time prescribe," persons desiring to become annual subscribers must make written application to the Board; provided that the Library Committee may act upon such application, subject to the approval of the Board at its next meeting.

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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1885.

FIFTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

SEPTEMBER 28, 1885.

PROVIDENCE:
E. L. FREEMAN & CO., PRINTERS TO THE STATE.
1885.

HARVARD COLLEGE
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LIBRARY.
Librarian

OFFICERS OF THE ATHENÆUM.

1885-86.

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LOUISE RICHARDSON, SECOND ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

For the fiftieth time the Board of Directors presents to the annual meeting "a detailed report of the state of the library and of the general concerns of the institution," as required by the constitution.

This, however, is not in fact, but only by notation, the fiftieth yearly meeting. The Athenæum was organized in February, 1836. At the close of the first year, in February, 1837, it was voted to change the time of the annual meeting to September. Accordingly in September, 1837, the "second annual meeting" was duly held, to which the "second annual report" was made. From that time the notation has been continuous, thus bringing the fiftieth annual meeting a few months in advance of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Athenæum.

At the first meeting of the Board all the officers for the preceding year were re-elected. The duties of the librarian and his assistants have been performed during the year to the entire satisfaction of the directors. The work upon the card catalogue is still in progress. It should be understood that this work, in the hands of a single person, who has also to take part, more or less, in the daily duties of the librarians, will necessarily take several years for its completion. Thus far the cataloguing has been done

with neatness, accuracy and comprehensiveness, as well as with commendable despatch, considering these characteristics and the unavoidable interruptions that have attended it. At the meeting in November, 1884, a communication was received from W. F. Channing, M. D., presenting to the Athenæum a portrait of Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman, by C. G. Thompson, 1838, "in a frame which came originally from Gilbert Stuart." It is the original of the engraving made in 1878, by Chas. Skinner, for the last edition of Mrs. Whitman's poems. This interesting gift was duly acknowledged by the president, with the approval of the board. In December, Royal C. Taft, Esq., resigned his position as a member of the Library Committee, and Samuel W. Peckham, Esq., was elected in his place. In March, 1885, it was voted to keep the library open in April until nine o'clock, P. M. The Board of Directors has constantly endeavored to render the library and reading room as available and convenient to the shareholders as possible, and in order to test the value of this experiment, the librarian was requested to keep a record of the attendance between those hours. His report is as follows:

March,	average,	up stairs, ...	7.36
	"	down stairs,. . . .	3.44
	"	both, ...	3.08
		Total, ...	——13.88
April,	"	up stairs, ...	7.61
	"	down stairs,. . . .	2.92
	"	both, ...	3.19
		Total, ...	——13.72

At the meeting in April permission was given to Mr. Robert Taft to make a photographic copy of Malbone's "Hours."

The treasurer, during the year, has sold fourteen shares for non-payment of taxes.

A simple inspection of the receipts and expenditures, as shown in the treasurer's report, will disclose the inadequacy of the income of the Athenæum to a desirable growth of the library. In these days, when the publications of our own land are so numerous and those of foreign countries are in greater demand, as they have become more common, an increased revenue is needed to keep the library up to the standard which the corporation has always sought to maintain. The current expenses can hardly be made more moderate. Without unexpected gifts, the income cannot be made larger, since the taxes upon shareholders cannot be increased, under our present rules. It is evident, therefore, that an increased revenue can only come from an increased membership. The current expenses would be no greater for a considerably larger membership than they are with our present number, so that the additional taxes would be available for the purchase of books. There are at present about seven hundred shareholders. There might well be upwards of a thousand and the benefit of such an increase would accrue to every member. With a general and personal effort on the part of the shareholders it would seem that this result might be accomplished. To this end, the Board of Directors, in July last, issued a circular, of which about three hundred copies have

been sent out. We cannot yet report the result of the effort, but commend to the attention of the members the excellent opportunity thus afforded to aid the officers by their personal co-operation.

The circular is as follows:

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM.

The Directors of the Providence Athenæum would respectfully invite your attention to the many advantages which the Athenæum now affords to the student and the general reader, of every age, and would beg leave to suggest to you the propriety of your becoming a member of the Corporation at this time.

With its fair and commodious edifice; its well selected library of over 44,000 volumes, accessible to all members and their families; its reading room, supplied with the best periodicals of the day in America and Europe, in the English, French and German tongues; its art collection, containing some very valuable paintings, and numerous illustrated works of great rarity and worth; it presents attractions to the man of letters, of business, or of leisure, which cannot elsewhere be found in our City.

The price of a share is but Fifteen Dollars, and it may be held, transferred or sold at any time by the owner, so long as the annual assessment (limited by the by-laws to Five Dollars) is paid. The share entitles the owner and his immediate family to all the privileges of the Athenæum, at a very moderate cost.

The Directors believe that they have simply to call your attention to the advantages offered, in order to secure your interest and co-operation in increasing the membership, and extending the usefulness of the institution.

Any information desired will be gladly furnished on application at the Library, 255 Benefit Street, between 10 A. M. and 7 P. M., or to

Yours very truly,

W. M. BAILEY, Jr.,

Secretary.

The condition of the library is shown by the following statement, which is furnished to us by the librarian :

The library had on the first of September, 44,582 volumes. During the year, 1,144 volumes were added, a number slightly smaller than the average of recent years. There were added,

By purchase, ...	817
By gift, ...	195
By binding periodicals, . . .	132
	1,144

Classified according to size, there were :

Folios, ...	48
Quartos, ...	100
Octavos, ...	389
Duodecimos, ...	404
Sixteenmos, ...	203
	1,144

The average cost of the books bought is $1.40 per volume. The number of volumes bought, 817, includes two, and in a few cases three or more, extra copies of popular books. There were no less than 174 volumes of such duplicates bought during the year. There were 158 pamphlets given to the library and two bought. The more valuable gifts were received from Hon. N. W. Aldrich, Henry C. Dorr, Esq., and the Department of the Interior, at Washington. In all, 60 volumes were received from the

different government offices at Washington. Thirteen volumes relating to Italy or Italian art, as well as two parts of the work called 'La Basilica di San Marco in Venezia,' were bought from the income of the Carrington Hoppin bequest, at a cost of $93.12.

The circulation of books during the year ending August 31st, was 39,019, classified as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
Fiction and juveniles, . . .	23,218	59.50
History and biography, . .	5,058	12.96
Poetry and belles lettres . .	2,759	7.07
Art, science, law and medicine, .	2,456	6.30
Religion, philosophy and social science,	1,885	4.83
Voyages and travels, . . .	1,872	4.80
Periodicals, ...	1,771	4.54
	39,019	100.00

The circulation shows the considerable increase over the preceding year, of seven and one half *per cent.*, and, as usual, the gain is almost wholly in Fiction. The ratio of fiction to the whole circulation was in 1881, 52 *per cent.;* in 1882, 54 *per cent.;* in 1883, 55 *per cent.;* in 1884, 57 *per cent.;* and this year 59½ *per cent.* The number of volumes issued in March, which is always the largest month, was 3,828, and the largest daily issue, on the 29th of November, was 323. The annual examination of the library was made in July. Only 889 volumes were not on the shelves. Of these, five have not since been found and they are accordingly reported as missing. Of the eight volumes missing last year three have since been found. Lists of books recently purchased are now posted in the library, to which the members can conveniently refer.

Fifty-one shares have remained unused. Under the provisions of the eighth section of the Constitution the following persons have been admitted by the Board, as annual subscribers, to the privileges of the Library on the payment of six dollars to the Treasurer:

Sarah D. Kimball, ...	from Oct. 1, 1884.
Herbert A. Richards, ...	from Nov. 5, 1884.
J. E. Nicolai, ...	from Nov. 5, 1884.
Edwin M. Dodd, ...	from Nov. 5, 1884.
Mrs. William C. Chapin, ...	from Dec. 1, 1884.
William M. Lisle, ...	from Feb. 5, 1885.
Cornelia R. Wilbur, ...	from May 4, 1885.
Abram Barker, ...	from Sept. 14, 1885.
Harriet C. Peirce, ...	from Sept. 14, 1885.

The year now closed has been uneventful. No large expenditures have been required for the buildings and grounds. Bills for work previously done have happened to come into this year's account for payment, thus making the outlay for the year appear to be more than it really has been. The outside of the building has been re-pointed, for the first time since it was built, and some work has been done upon the steps. A few new chairs have been placed in the reading-room. The room in the basement, back of the reading-room, has been renovated and is now used by the assistant librarian for the catalogue work, because of its greater convenience and freedom from interruption. The purposes for which the library was established have been steadily pursued.

As it grows in value, year by year, we trust it may also grow in favor with the shareholders and with the people of the community.

In behalf and by order of the Board of Directors,

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY,
President.

W. M. BAILEY, JR.,
Secretary.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 28, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 22, 1884		$2,739 37

RECEIPTS.

Three new shares sold, at $15	$45 00	
Fourteen shares sold for taxes	77 50	
Taxes collected	3,450 00	
Rights to use library for one year	48 00	
Fines collected	300 90	
Books and photographs sold	40 29	
Extra books	15 80	
Carrington Hoppin bequest	93 12	
Dividends and interest on investments	1,650 95	
		5,721 56
		$8,460 93

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,146 81	
Books for Carrington Hoppin bequest	93 12	
Periodicals	338 30	
Binding	385 45	
Salaries	2,700 00	
Fuel	190 75	
Lighting	200 87	
Water	10 00	
Express and postage	20 30	
Printing and advertising	126 45	
Insurance	24 50	
Building and grounds	760 96	
Furniture	95 20	
Supplies	62 15	
Labor	38 47	
	$6,193 33	
Balance to new account	2,267 60	
		$8,460 93

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares Blackstone Canal National Bank, par.....	$1,850 00	
63 shares American National Bank, par.....	3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie Railroad registered bonds, par.....	10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghamton and New York Railroad registered bonds, par....	10,000 00	
Deposit on participation R. I. Hospital Trust Co....	1,689 20	
Carrington Hoppin bequest on participation Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company.....	3,250 12	
		$29,989 32

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 28, 1885.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich Nelson W., "Congressional Record"	21	1
American Antiquarian Society	.....	2
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	.....
Ames Free Library, *Easton, Mass*	1	1
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	.....	2
Apprentices Library Company, of Philadelphia	.....	1
Arnold, James N., "Narragansett Historical Register"	.....	.....
Austin, Samuel	.....	1
Bailey W. Whitman, "New England Journal of Education"	.....	.....
Bayard, Thomas F., *Washington*	2	.....
Beckwith, Daniel	5	.....
Beckwith, Henry T	2	.....
Bicknell, Thomas W., *Boston*	.....	1
Boston, City Messenger	3	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	2
Bourn, Joseph H	.....	1
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston*	.....	3
Bradley, Charles S	1	2
Brooklyn Library	.....	1
Brown, Samuel W	2	.....
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Chace, Arnold B	.....	2
Chicago Public Library	.....	1
Cincinnati Public Library	1	.....
Clarke, John C. C., *Upper Alton, Ill*	1	.....
Cleveland Public Library	.....	1
Cobden Club, *London, England*	.....	1
Columbia College, *New York*	.....	2
Crunden, Frederick M., *St. Louis*	.....	1
Dorr, Henry C	58	20
Douglas, Charles H. J., *Ann Arbor, Mich.*, "The University"	.....	.....
Eaton, *Mrs.* Charles F	13	.....
Gammell, William	1	2
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	.....	1
Glezen, Edward K	1	.....
Green, Arnold	.....	3
Green, Samuel A., *Boston*	.....	1
Green, Samuel S., *Worcester*	.....	2
Hartford Library Association	.....	3
Hartshorn, *Miss* Cornelia	3	.....
Harvard University Theological Faculty	1	.....
Hazard, Roland	.....	2
Kansas State Board of Agriculture	1	.....
Knowles, Edgar T	2	.....
Laurie, Thomas	.....	1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Lawrence Public Library	.....	1
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	1
Manchester, *England*, Free Public Libraries	.....	1
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth	8	.....
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Boston*	.....	1
Massachusetts New-Church Union, *Boston*, "New Jerusalem Magazine"	.....	.....
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston*	1	.....
Mercantile Library Association, *New York*	.....	3
Mercantile Library Company, *Philadelphia*	.....	2
Meylert, Asa P., *New York*	.....	1
National Home, *Milwaukee Co., Wis*	.....	1
Newport, Mayor	1	.....
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston*	.....	4
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington*	.....	3
Peaslee, John B., *Columbus, O*	.....	1
Peck, George B.	9	3
Perry, Amos	.....	1
Philadelphia Library Company	.....	1
Providence, City Auditor	.....	1
" City Engineer	1	.....
" City Messenger	3	.....
" Mayor	.....	1
Providence Art Club	.....	2
Redwood Library and Athenæum, *Newport*	.....	2
Rhode Island, Board of State Charities and Corrections	.....	1
" " Board of Women Visitors	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	2	2
" " State Board of Education	1	.....
" " State Board of Health	2	.....
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	1
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	1
Rice, Franklin P., *Worcester*	.....	1
Richards, C. A. L.	2	1
Rider, Sidney S.	1	.....
Royal Society of Canada	1	.....
St. Louis Public Library	.....	1
Sheffield, William P., *Newport*	1	.....
Smithsonian Institution, *Washington*	7	1
Springfield City Library Association	.....	1
Stockwell, George A	.....	1
Tarbell, Charles F	.....	1
Taunton Public Library	.....	3
Tingley, Samuel H.	1	.....
Upton, Winslow	.....	1
United States, Bureau of Education	1	9
" " Bureau of Ethnology	1	.....
" " Bureau of Navigation	.....	1
" " Chief of Engineers	4	.....
" " Civil Service Commission	.....	2
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	2	.....
" " Comptroller of the Currency	1	.....
" " Department of State	5	22
" " Department of the Interior	28	.....
" " Department of the Navy	1	.....
" " Department of the Treasury	1	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
United States Geological Survey	10	.....
" " Hydrographic Office, 1 map and "Pilot Charts"	.....	.....
" " Life Saving Service	2	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette"	.....	.....
University of Rochester	.....	1
Wayland, Francis, *New Haven*	.....	2
Webb, Samuel H	.....	2
Webster, Frank B., *Pawtucket*	1	.....
Wickstead, Richard John, *Ottawa, Canada*	.....	1
Woodbury Augustus	2	2
Worcester Society of Antiquity	1	.....
Yale College	.....	3
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo*	.....	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS,

REPORTED TO THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1885.

	Share, No.
Abbott Harlan P.	98
Abbott Josephine L.	708
Aborn Jennie P.	377
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	108
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Edward S.	346
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Zachariah*	8
Allen Samuel*	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Theodore	409
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M., 2 shares,	195, 638
Anthony Gardner Chace	486
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony Henry B.*	414
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Walter E.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Matthew W.	83
Armington Pardon	254
Arnold Christopher B.	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Aylsworth Hiram B.	702
Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Balch Abigail Pope	469
Balch John R.	339
Balch Mary Howard	644
Ballou William H.	106
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Elizabeth T.	310
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Bartlett John R.	279
Bassett Edward D.	382
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	700
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Belden Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	290
Benedict Maria M.	301

* Deceased.

	Share, No.
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Binney William	558
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Henry A.	562
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C.	110
Blodgett John T.	314
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Annie E.	594
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Herbert A.	10
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles S.	303
Bridge A. Alice	169
Bridgham Joseph	250
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	166
Brown Thomas	212
Brown Walter F.	85
Browne George H.*	585
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Bucklin Simon S.	168
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134
Bullock Julia	502
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Edwin A.	682
Burnham George H.	163
Burnham George W.	167
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Bush Elodie	455
Butler Cyrus*	7

	Shares, No.
Butts Eliza T.	611
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Francis W.	79
Carpenter George M.	344
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Amanda M.	531
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace Camilla H.	205
Chace George I.*	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zechariah, Jr.	555
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Charles V.	423
Chapin Cornelia S.	653
Chapin George W.	337
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chase William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coats James	686
Coe Marcy W.	14
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Coleman Stephen R.	398
Collins George L.	526
Colwell James W	641
Congdon George W.	257
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425

	Share, No.
Cowing Grace A. L.	80
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranshaw John T.	216
Cranston Francis A.	131
Cranston Henry C.	548
Creighton J. Hamilton	281
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.	561
Cross William J.*	29
Crowell James L.	344
Cutler Edward H.	158
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.*	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis George A.	123
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	208
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
Deming Richard H.	705
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Christopher	503
Dexter Lewis	371
Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorr Sullivan*	380
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance Eliza A.	244
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares, 92, 670	
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob	336
Dunnell Jacob W.	412
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Edgar G.	358
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Dyer John F.	259
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573

	Share, No.
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Eiswald Lucy A.	676
Ely Joseph C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander*	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	566
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
FitzGerald Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Joseph*	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
French Florence	586
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Furse Edmund	144
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
George Charles H.	706
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Matilda K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares, 284, 406	
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gower George Lewis	627
Granger Daniel L. D.	264
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Charles A.	164

	Share, No.
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	73
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.*	617
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grinnell Mary	291
Grosvenor William	108
Gurney P. Eugene.*	623
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hall Clifton A.	391
Ham Benjamin W.*	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Cyrus	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Thomas	353
Harrison Joseph	626
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Haskins Adeline G	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Henshaw Rebecca P.	619
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hill Nathaniel P. (Colorado)	688
Hinckley Frederick A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Hoard Cora B.	282
Hogg Walter S.	162
Holbrook Albert	451
Holbrook Uriah H.*	577
Hope Street Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Sarah D.	219
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294

	Share, No.
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Albert C.	550
Howard Elisha H.	112
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W., 2 shares,	515, 581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson John T.	120
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Jencks Marcia M.	127
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jillson Charles D.*	461
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares,	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	464
Keach Mary T.	200
Keene Emily F.	142
Keith James G.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	190
Kendall Jane W.	88
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.*	148
King Charles G.*	685
King William J.*	571
Klapp Lyman	541
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	283
Knight Robert	616
Knight Webster	660
Knowles Edward P.*	488
Knowles John P.	71
Knowles Joseph*	268
Knowles Joseph B.	512
Knowles Stephen M.	154
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Larchar John*	39
Larned Edwin C.	95
Larned Samuel	306

	Share, No.
Lewis John D.	55
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Henry	68
Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John F.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McIlvaine J. Hall	503
Mackinney Herbert G.	204
Manchester Emma L.	478
Mansfield Albert T.	114
Manton Louisa*	551
Manton Robert G.	634
Martin Annie F.	323
Martin Sylvester G.	419
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Arthur Livingston	366
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Earl Philip	161
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Ch.	36
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A.	132
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf George, Jr.*	672
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Horace G.*	632
Miller William B. M.	523
Millett Thomas A.	396
Miner Susan	663
Ministry-at-Large	491
Mitchel Thomas L.	452
Monro Harriet M.	596
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Moulton Edmund T.	609
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mumford Charles C.	226
Murray Robert, Jr.	379

	Share, No.
Newcome Mary L.	681
Nichols Charles A.*	613
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale Anna E.	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.*	493
Nisbet William D.	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Oldfield John,* 2 shares,	174, 292
Olney Frank F.	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John H.	251
Ormsbee John S.	347
Osborn William*	340
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen George, Jr.	501
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Packard Lilian E.	284
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares,	111, 487
Paige Henry	362
Paine Amasa	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Park William H.	363
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263
Patten William S.*	237
Payne Abraham	497
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, 2 shares,	421, 608
Pearce Edward D.*	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen M.	18
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.*	376
Peck Walter A.	126
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Joseph C.*	319

	Share, No.
Peckham Samuel W.	185
Peckham Thomas*	22
Pegram John C.	704
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phetteplace James S.	508
Phillips George R.	579
Phillips Thomas*	378
Pierce George A.*	218
Pierce William G.*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Pitman John*	63
Poland William C.	694
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emery H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Elisha R.*	677
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K.	578
Potter Henry A. L., Jr.	473
Potter William H.	139
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randolph John R., 2 shares,	521, 606
Rathbone Watie	322
Rawson Henry M.	675
Rawson Mary E.	387
Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares,	84, 432
Read John R.	543
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Fitz James	355
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richards Samuel*	238
Richardson James	658
Richardson Thomas A. 2d.	535
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Howard	46
Richmond Walter	652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Ripley James M.	28
Risley John E., Jr.	483
Robinson Charles P.	459
Robinson Dorcas B.	489
Robinson E. G.	236
Roelker William G.	572

	Share, No.
Rogers Horatio	400
Russell Hope B.,	8
Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Frederick M.	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi	575
Saniewska Irene S.	701
Sawin Isaac W.	241
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524
Sawyer Charles Freeman	657
Sawyer John W.	435
Schmid Albert J.	691
Seabury Frederick N.	664
Seagrave Caleb	217
Seagrave George A.	466
Sessions Mary J.	327
Sharpe Lucian	595
Shattuck Bertha F.	494
Shaw James	665
Shaw James, Jr.	324
Shaw Mary A.*	587
Shedd J. Herbert	637
Sheldon Francis J.	158
Sheldon George E.	388
Sheldon Nicholas	188
Shepard Elizabeth A.	385
Simmons W. Seabury	607
Slater John, 2d.*	11
Slater William S.*	621
Slicer Thomas R.	383
Slocum Edward E.	463
Smith Albert J.	172
Smith Amos D.*	101
Smith Arba Dike	335
Smith Benjamin W.	87
Smith C. Winthrop	518
Smith Charles Morris	449
Smith Clara D. C. H.	476
Smith Ferdinand	15
Smith James Y.*	504
Smith John W.	215
Smith Joseph J.	678
Snow Edwin M.	599
Snow J. Lippitt	275
Snow Lucinda M.	66
Southwick Isaac H.	32
Spencer Joel M.	668
Sprague Samuel S.	177
Sproull Robert D.	454
Stafford Robert R.*	100
Staples William R.	181
Stark Charles R.	540
Stead Thomas J.*	249
Steere Jonah*	420
Steere Thomas	381

	Share, No.
Stiness John H.	471
Stiness Philip B.	76
Stiness Samuel G.	109
Stockbridge John C.	270
Stockwell George A.	492
Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Stone Alfred	417
Sturges Howard O.	289
Sumner Arthur P.	484
Sweet Joseph*	276
Sweetland Cornelius S.	481
Taft James W.	624
Taft Orray*	59
Taft Royal C.	465
Talbot Frederic	183
Talbot William R.	56
Tarbell Charles F.	182
Taylor Daniel A.	534
Taylor Mary L.	610
Temple William H. G.	436
Thomas Hiram H.	370
Thompson John C.	365
Thurber Samuel	509
Thurston Benjamin F.	356
Thurston George W.	151
Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Tibbits William T.	247
Tibbits William W.*	552
Tillinghast James	272
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Tingley Henry F.	297
Tobey Sarah F.	462
Tomlinson Charles W.	375
Torrey Ellsworth	612
Torrey Moses E.	384
Towne Etta B.	298
Townsend William C.*	122
Tripp Benjamin	61
Truman Nathan	248
Tucker William A.	309

	Share, No.
Tyler Harriet H.	16
Tyler Solomon	64
Union Baptist Society	574
Union Congregational Church	659
Vaughan Daniel W., 2 shares,	52, 98
Vaughan Mrs. Henry W.	9
Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Vose Seth M.	440
Walcott Erastus L.	81
Walker John P.	24
Warner James M.	138
Warren Andrew McC.	529
Waterman Emily*	180
Waterman Henry*	278
Waterman Resolved	41
Waterman Rufus	277
Waterman William H.	240
Watson Matthew	27
Webster Josiah L.	460
Weeden Anna E.	125
Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Weeden Clinton R.	302
Weeden Frank E.	656
Weeden Stephen R. (N. Prov.)	394
Weeden William B.	522
Weeden William G.*	246
Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
Westcott Amasa S.	639
Whitaker C. Earle	271
Whitaker Henry C.	121
Wiggin Helen M.	633
Wilbour Joshua	542
Wilcox George D.	252
Williams N. W.	386
Wilson William E.	105
Wood George H.	499
Woodbury Augustus	557
Woods Marshall, 5 shares,	145, 243, 326, 359, 547

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681 owners of one share each	681
10 owners of two shares each	20
1 owner of five shares	5
692	706

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6. ADAMS, J: Quincy. Dermot Mac Morrogh. Boston, 1832. O. N. 42. 13.
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11. ——— Spinning-wheel stories. Boston, 1884. S. G. 75. 39.
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*Henry G. Gladding, from September 24, 1860, to September 28, 1863.
*Amos W. Snow, from September 23, 1861, to September 28, 1863.
*John Kingsbury, from September 23, 1861, to September 22, 1862.
*Frederick Burgess, from September 22, 1862, to September 28, 1863.
†*George Baker, from September 28, 1863, to August 10, 1878.
John A. Howland, from September 28, 1863. In office.
Lucius C. Ashley, from September 28, 1863, to September 23, 1872.
†*Henry G. Gladding, from September 23, 1872, to February 19, 1879.
Henry T. Beckwith, from September 23, 1878, to September 26, 1881.
Isaac H. Southwick, from September 22, 1879. In office.
Joshua Wilbour, from September 26, 1881. In office.

LIBRARIANS.

Samuel W. Peckham, from September 26, 1836, to July 3, 1838.
Stephen R. Weeden, from July 3, 1838, to October 13, 1845.
Thomas H. Williams, from October 13, 1845, to April 1, 1854.
†*J. Dunham Hedge, from April 1, 1854, to August 23, 1879.
Daniel Beckwith, from September 8, 1879. In office.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

Frederick H. Hedge, Jr., from October 1, 1855, to April 5, 1869.
William W. Bailey, from May 3, 1869, to November 7, 1871.
Mary M. Angell, from November 7, 1871. In office.

Besides the above, there have been a number of temporary Assistant Librarians, whose terms of office have been comparatively short and irregular.

SECOND ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Louise Richardson, from January 1, 1884. In office.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE Board of Directors of the Providence Athenæum present to this fifty-first annual meeting of the proprietors the "detailed report of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the institution" required by the Constitution.

The Board held their first meeting, for organization and other business, on Monday evening, October 5, 1885. They re-elected Augustus Woodbury President, and Royal C. Taft Vice-President. Daniel Beckwith, Librarian, Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian, and Louise Richardson, Second Assistant Librarian, were re-elected to their respective offices. The usual Standing Committees, on the Library, on the Building and Grounds, and on Accounts, were appointed.

The Board have held their regular monthly meetings on the first Monday evening of each month, and two adjourned meetings, to hear the report of the committee appointed to prepare this report, and the average attendance at these meetings has been eight.

At their first meeting, Howard M. Rice resigned the office of Director, to which he had been re-elected at the last annual meeting, and, at the meeting in November, the Board filled the vacancy by the election of Samuel R. Dorrance.

At the monthly meeting in February the Librarian applied for leave of absence on account of his health.

His application was granted, Miss Angell to be acting Librarian, and to receive his salary, and Miss Richardson to be Assistant, and to receive Miss Angell's salary, during his absence. He was absent about three months, and during that period the work on the card catalogue was partially suspended, and the expense of a Second Assistant Librarian was saved.

THE LIBRARY.

The following statistics in relation to the library are furnished by the Librarian:

During the year 1,227 volumes were added to the library:

By purchase,	964
By gift,	128
By binding periodicals,	135
	1,227

Classified according to size, there were:

Folios,	37
Quartos,	84
Octavos,	407
Duodecimos,	507
Sixteenmos,	192
	1,227

The average price of the books bought has decreased of late years. It used to be about two dollars. This year it was only $1.27. Four pamphlets were bought, and 174 were given during the year. The more valuable gifts were as usual sent from the

government offices at Washington, and by Senator Aldrich. A list of the donors will be found in Appendix No. 2. Seven parts of the great work about the Basilica of St. Mark, at Venice, and 15 volumes of other works relating to Italy and Italian art, were bought at an expense of $176.97, from the income of the Carrington Hoppin bequest. Some of the largest illustrations of the Basilica of St. Mark have been framed and are hung on the walls of the Directors' room. There has been added to the periodicals, "L'Illustrazione Italiana," the yearly expense of which is to be charged to the income of the C. Hoppin bequest.

The library was examined in July, when 1,083 volumes were not on the shelves. All these have since been accounted for excepting ten, which are therefore reported as missing. Two of the books reported missing last year have since been found. The books are generally in good condition. The number of volumes belonging to the Athenæum was, on the first of September, 45,672.

The circulation during the past year was 40,800, classified as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
Fiction and juveniles,	24,810	60.81
History and biography,	5,081	12.45
Poetry and belles lettres,	2,860	7.01
Art, science, law, and medicine,	2,630	6.45
Religion, philosophy, and social science,	1,901	4.66
Voyages and travels,	1,811	4.44
Periodicals,	1,707	4.18
	40,800	100.00

This circulation is four and one-half per cent. larger than that of the preceding year. The greater part of the increase is in fiction and juveniles. The ratio of fiction and juveniles to the whole circulation for the years that four books have been given out is as follows: 1881, 52 per cent.; 1882, 54 per cent.; 1883, 55 per cent.; 1884, 57 per cent.; 1885, 60 per cent., and 1886, 61 per cent. The circulation of all the other classes during the same years has only increased from 15,067 in 1881, to 15,990 in 1886. The largest number of volumes taken out in any one month was 3,997, in March; and the largest daily circulation was 332, on the 13th of February. Thirty-eight shares have remained unused.

By an arrangement made in November last with Messrs. Cupples, Upham & Co., booksellers in Boston, they have, once a fortnight, sent books to the Athenæum for examination by the Library Committee, and for purchase, if they so decide, those not purchased to be returned to Messrs. Cupples, Upham & Co., the Athenæum paying the expressage, which amounts to about four dollars per quarter. This was at first done in connection with the Public Library, but the Library Committee finding some inconveniences in sending the books to and from the two libraries, decided to act separately in the matter. This arrangement gives the Athenæum an opportunity to examine many books which never reach our bookstores, with the privilege of buying them or not, as the committee may think best, and has proved to be satisfactory on both sides.

The following periodicals have been added during

the past year: The English Historic Review; The Farm; The Garden; L'Illustrazione Italiana; The London Lancet; The New Princeton Review; The Political Science Quarterly; The Presbyterian Review; The Publishers' Circular; La Revue Bleue.

The whole number of periodicals now supplied to the reading room is 86. A list is given in Appendix No. 3.

Two new shares have been sold during the past year, and seven have been sold for taxes.

Under the provisions of the 8th article of the Constitution, the following persons have been admitted as annual subscribers to the privileges of the library, on the terms heretofore prescribed by the Board, for which $84 have been paid to the Treasurer:

Mrs. Henry A. Hurlburt, ...	from Oct. 26, 1885.
Mary E. Nicolai, ...	from Nov. 5, 1885.
Sarah D. Kimball, ...	from Oct. 1, 1885.
Frank H. Potter, ...	from Oct. 12, 1885.
Edwin M. Dodd, ...	from Nov. 5, 1885.
Edgar T. Knowles, ...	from Nov. 30, 1885.
C. J. Ulmann, ...	from Jan. 14, 1886.
William M. Lisle, ...	from Feb. 5, 1886.
Caroline Newton, ...	from March 1, 1886.
Mary H. Newton, ...	from March 1, 1886.
Mrs. George West, ...	from March 15, 1886.
Mrs. William C. Chapin, ...	from March 22, 1886.
Edmund S. Rousmaniere, ...	from Sept. 6, 1886.
Abram Parker, ...	from Sept. 14, 1886.

During the past year the reception room, at the left of the principal entrance, has been re-carpeted

for the first time for many years, and is now occupied by Miss Angell for her work on the card catalogue.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds have been authorized to cause repairs to be made on the north bank and retaining wall, the expense of which will be about $35.

Necessary repairs have been made on the boiler, the expense of which, not yet ascertained, will be charged to the expenditures of next year.

FINANCES.

The following is a general statement of the finances of the Athenæum for the past year, the particular items of which will appear in the Treasurer's report. (See Appendix, No. 1.):

Balance on hand Sept. 28, 1885,		$2.267 60
RECEIPTS.		
From shares sold,		90 00
" taxes, fines, etc.,		4.116 26
" dividends and interest,		1.616 42
		$8,090 28
EXPENDITURES.		
For books and periodicals,	$1,731 80	
" salaries,	2.605 50	
" other purposes,	1,304 00	
	$5.641 30	
Balance on hand Sept. 27, 1886,	2.448 98	$8,090 28

The foregoing pages contain all the information with regard to the affairs of the Athenæum which the Board are required by the Constitution to give at each annual meeting.

The present year being the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of this institution, the Board of Directors have thought it proper to take notice of the fact in their Report to the Proprietors, and to present to them such facts in relation to its origin, growth, condition, and prospects, as may be pleasant and profitable subjects of present contemplation, and may furnish lessons and incentives for future action.

The records of the meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, and the annual reports of the Board, and the Historical Sketch prefixed to the catalogue published in 1853 furnish, for this purpose, ample materials, which will, however, require much abbreviation and condensation in order to be comprised within the limits proper for this occasion.

It will be understood, without further special acknowledgment, that these materials are freely made use of in this report.

The first public movement for the foundation of this library was the call for a meeting to be held in Masonic Hall, January 25, 1836, at 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of combining the Providence Library with the Providence Athenæum, and of forming "an enlarged institution which may be more extensively useful and creditable to our citizens," the notice of which was published in the Providence Daily Journal of that date.

This proposed meeting was the result of various preliminary conferences, formal and informal, at which the project for a union between those institutions having undergone, in its principles and details, a full discussion, was matured for the action of all parties interested in its success.

The Masonic Hall mentioned was in the upper story of the old City Building, now leased to the Providence Board of Trade. The second story was occupied by the City Council and city officers, and the lower story and basement were used for a public market.

The call for the meeting was signed by 59 persons, only one of whom is now living, the Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Farley, of Brooklyn, New York, the first pastor of the Westminster Congregational Society of this city, who was one of the Trustees of the old Providence Athenæum, and who, from this time until his removal from this city in 1841, was a most "valuable counsellor and efficient co-operator in the administration of the affairs of the new Athenæum." The first signature was that of Moses Brown. This call, with the names of the signers, is printed in the Appendix A to the first annual report.

The meeting was held accordingly, and a draught of an act of incorporation was adopted, and a committee was appointed to obtain signatures to a petition to the General Assembly for its passage. This petition is in the handwriting of the late Judge Staples, and was signed by 59 citizens, of whom four, Frederick A. Farley, John A. Howland, James H.

Read and John T. Pitman, are now living, and of these four, three, Messrs. Farley, Howland and Read, were on the first, and two, Messrs. Howland and Read, are on the present list of proprietors, and one, Mr. Howland, is now, and has been since September, 1863, a member of the audit committee of the corporation.

It sets forth, among other facts, that the Providence Library Company and the Providence Athenæum, "after mature consideration and ineffectual attempts for a union, have severally resolved to dispose of their libraries and dissolve their corporations, in case this Honorable Assembly would grant a new charter for the same objects to those of the corporators of each and such others as would join them in applying therefor." The petition and signatures, never before printed, will be found in Appendix No. 4.

Agreeably to this petition, this institution was incorporated at the January session, 1836, of the General Assembly, under the name of "The Athenæum," which was, at the October session, 1850, by an amendment to the charter, changed to "The Providence Athenæum."

Of the 283 corporators named in the charter,* 16 are now living, Frederick A. Farley, John A. Howland, James H. Read, John T. Pitman, John R. Randolph, John R. Balch, W. W. Hoppin, L. M. Ware, Robert W. Aborn, L. D. Hutchins, Joseph A. Barker, Thomas Brown, W. S. Burges, S. R. Weeden, A. F. Adie, T. Davis, and several have died quite recently.

*See copy of Charter in Appendix A to First Annual Report.

Moses Brown, the first named corporator, and to whom share No. 1 was issued, and in whose name that share still stands, died September 6, 1836, aged 97 years. The names of 9 of these 16 survivors, F. A. Farley, Joseph A. Barker, Thomas Brown, W. S. Burges, T. Davis, W. W. Hoppin, J. A. Howland, J. T. Pitman, J. H. Read, appear in the first printed list of shareholders, and 6 of these, Thomas Brown, W. S. Burges, T. Davis, W. W. Hoppin, J. A. Howland, J. H. Read, are on the present list, and five other names on the first list, Elisha Dyer, Thomas Harkness, G. C. Nightingale, S. W. Peckham, R. Waterman, are on the last.

The first meeting of the corporation was held on Monday, February 22, 1836, at Mechanics Hall, over Franklin Hall, and now occupied by Slocum Post, No. 10, G. A. R., at which the charter was accepted, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted, and an adjourned meeting was held on the 29th, at which Directors, and a Treasurer and Secretary were elected, as follows: Zachariah Allen, William Jenkins, John Carter Brown, Frederick A. Farley, Thomas H. Webb, William S. Patten, Thomas B. Fenner, Owen Mason, William Butler, Amasa Manton, Stephen Tripp, John J. Stimson, Henry Anthony, Directors; William R. Staples, Treasurer, and Thomas White, Secretary.

The Directors subsequently elected John Pitman, President, and William G. Goddard, Vice-President, the persons first elected to those offices, Moses B. Ives and Zachariah Allen, having declined.

In consequence of elections to fill vacancies caused by declinations and resignations, the officers during the latter part of 1836 were: President, John Pitman; Vice-President, William G. Goddard; Directors, Zachariah Allen, William Jenkins, John Carter Brown, Frederick A. Farley, Thomas H. Webb, William S. Patten, Thomas B. Fenner, Owen Mason, William Butler, John J. Stimson, Henry Anthony, John Kingsbury, and Charles F. Tillinghast; Treasurer, Stephen Tripp; Secretary, Samuel W. Peckham; and all these were re-elected at the first annual meeting, February 27, 1837.

The constitution provided that the annual meeting should be held on the fourth Monday in February, but at the first annual meeting this was changed to the fourth Monday of September, on which date all subsequent meetings have been held; so that although the present annual meeting is the fifty-first, the present year is the fiftieth anniversary.

On the present Board of Directors may be found a name which also appears as that of one of the officers for the latter part of the year 1836, and unless, in these days of extraordinary ~~physical~~ psychical phenomena, one may be mistaken in the consciousness of his own personal identity, these names belong to the same individual. This circumstance seems to make a sort of connecting link between these two widely separated periods, and this Board may be supposed to be looking back, with the mental vision of one of its members, to that remote period, and to be using, in a measure, his recollection as to some of the facts and

events alluded to in this Report; and this may account for and excuse some personal allusions in this historical sketch.

On the 9th of March, 1836, a communication from Messrs. Nicholas Brown, and Moses B. and Robert H. Ives, for the estate of Thomas P. Ives, deceased, was received by the Board of Directors, offering "to furnish a lot of land opposite the Town House, at the junction of Benefit and College streets, for the site of an edifice to be erected of stone or brick, for the suitable accommodation of the Athenæum, Historical and Franklin Societies, the lot and building to be owned by the Athenæum, and the other societies to be accommodated therein upon terms to be agreed upon." They also offered, the lot being valued by them at $4,000, to pay $6,000 towards the erection of such a building, and $4,000 towards the purchase of books for the Athenæum, making a total of $14,000, upon condition that the sum of $10,000 more be made up, to be applied to the same building, and $4,000 more towards the purchase of books, by the subscriptions of responsible persons (and exclusive of moneys received for shares to be sold in the Athenæum), previous to first of June next.

This "public spirited and munificent proposition" was accepted by the Board, by the passage of appropriate resolutions, and a committee was appointed to obtain subscriptions in accordance therewith. This committee met with a cordial response on the part of the citizens, and the sum of $15,604.50, an excess of $1,654.50 above the required amount, was subscribed

before the date named, by 188 individuals and 8 firms.* Of these, seven individuals and one member of a firm, Thomas Harkness, William W. Hoppin, George C. Nightingale, Elisha Dyer, Joseph C. Bucklin, William J. Harris, James H. Read and William Hall, are now living, and of these, five, Thomas Harkness, William W. Hoppin, George C. Nightingale, Elisha Dyer and James H. Read, are shareholders.

Most of these subscribers, and others, manifested their interest, and afforded their aid, by taking shares in the new institution, the price of which was fixed at the low sum of $15. The number of shares subscribed and paid for at the first opening of the books was 291.

According to the terms of agreement between the library companies, the books of each were to be purchased by the new institution. For those of the Providence Library one thousand dollars were paid, and by the purchase of the shares of the Providence Athenæum, at the rate of $25 each, the books, furniture, etc., of that library became the property of the Athenæum. The amount of this purchase was $3,925. The number of volumes purchased of the Providence Library Company, exclusive of books unbound, broken sets, etc., was 1,680, and the number purchased of the Providence Athenæum was 2,400; total, 4,080.

The preliminary arrangements having been completed, the new library was opened on the 10th of October, 1836, at the rooms which had been previously

* The names and amounts subscribed are printed on the xx and xxi pages of the Historical Sketch prefixed to the Catalogue of 1853.

occupied from its commencement, by the former Athenæum, Nos. 42 and 44, on the west side of the second story of the Arcade, No. 44 being used for the library, and the other and smaller apartment for a reading room. The library hours at first were from 3 to 5 P. M., and afterwards from 3 to 6 P. M., daily.

The next rooms, excepting one, towards the south, in the same story, were then occupied by the United States District Judge, John Pitman (in whose office the meetings of the Board, except the first three, were held, until the occupation of this building), the United States District Attorney, Richard W. Greene, the Clerk of the United States Courts, and the United States Marshal, and there happened to be at that time, in Judge Greene's office, a student, whose attention, in passing to and fro, had often been arrested by the titles of some of the books in the old Providence Athenæum, displayed on the shelves near the windows, a great many of which were new to him, his literary resources having thus far been limited to the then comparatively meagre supplies of the college and old Providence libraries; and he longed for an opportunity to become acquainted with, and to peruse, those attractive volumes. Whether in consequence of his own exertions to this end, or of friendly interest in his behalf, his longing was satisfied by the appointment of Librarian of the new library, which office he filled until the removal of the books to the new building, with great delight and profit to himself, and he trusts to the satisfaction of the proprietors and visitors of the library. The reading room was soon after

fitted up and supplied with periodicals, and opened every evening from 6 to 9 o'clock, the library being also accessible during the same time, and Thomas P. Rodman was appointed Superintendent.

In the meantime the subject of the erection of the building by the Athenæum for their own accommodation and that of the Historical and Franklin Societies, had early engaged the attention of the Board of Directors. A plan furnished by Mr. William Strickland, of Philadelphia, was adopted, the lot of land was conveyed to the Athenæum as proposed, and Zachariah Allen, John J. Stimson and William S. Patten were appointed by the Board the Building Committee, to contract for and superintend the erection of the building. The ground was first broken on the fourth of April, 1837, and the building was commenced on the ninth of May, the interval being occupied in excavating and preparing the ground. Samuel B. Durfee, of Providence, who is now living, was the master mason, and Ebenezer Carpenter, of Providence, took and executed the contract for the carpenters' and joiners' work.

As an explanation of the length of time and large expense, over $2,200, required for excavation, it will be interesting to the shareholders to know that, in the language of the report of the Building Committee, "the uneven and precipitous condition of the land required much expense and labor upon it in excavation and filling up to prepare it for the building." In fact, the land on the east side of Benefit street, from

the corner of College street to the brick dwelling house on the corner of George street, was, at this time, a high bank, sloping towards Benefit street, and probably still retained some traces of the original conformation of College Hill. The back part of it was on a level with the gangway on the east, now partly held up by the retaining wall at the rear of this building. On this eminence salutes used to be fired on the Fourth of July, from the guns of the United Train of Artillery, whose armory was on the opposite side of the street.

To the Providence Franklin Society was allotted the basement story, upon the following terms, they paying $3,000 to the Athenæum, and having perpetual occupancy of that portion of the building, with the condition that, if at any time within two years from its completion, they should find the rooms unsuitable for their accommodation, the Athenæum should pay them $1,500 on their removal; or if, from any adequate cause, they should remove after two years, then the Athenæum should pay them such sum, not exceeding $1,500, as might be agreed upon, they relinquishing all claim to any part of the building. The basement story was therefore constructed under their direction as to internal arrangements, and was for ten years occupied by them.

The Rhode Island Historical Society were to be accommodated in the east room of the upper or principal story, on condition that they contributed $500 to the funds of the Athenæum. For this reason a thick wall was built dividing that from the other por-

tions of the building, and an independent entrance from College street was designed. But their right to participate in the occupancy of the building was afterwards waived, they preferring to build an edifice exclusively for their own collections.

The building was completed in the spring of 1838, and the Board of Directors first held a meeting there on the twenty-second of June. On the second of July, the Board, from a list of forty-five applicants, elected Stephen R. Weeden to the office of Librarian, and during the week following the books were removed to their new destination.

The dedication of the building by appropriate religious and literary exercises took place at the First Baptist Church, on the afternoon of July 11th. A procession, composed of various public bodies, the proprietors of the Athenæum and citizens generally, was formed at the library building, and, marshalled by Judge Thomas Burgess and Sheriff Roger Williams Potter, proceeded to the church, where a discourse was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wayland, President of Brown University. Rev. Edward B. Hall officiated as chaplain, and odes, written for the occasion by Thomas P. Rodman and William J. Pabodie, Esqs., were sung by the Providence Glee Club. The discourse of Dr. Wayland was afterwards published by the Athenæum.

The building was opened for the use of the proprietors on the following Monday, July 16th. It was built in the most substantial manner, as is described in detail in the report of the Building Committee

appended to the third Annual Report. Its cost was about $15,000, and for the incidents of the building, excavations, embankments, fences, etc., about $4,000 more. The total receipts of the institution at its commencement, from donations, subscriptions, sales of shares, and contribution of the Franklin Society, were between thirty-three and thirty-four thousand dollars. Of this sum about $19,000 were expended on the building and grounds, and $5,000 invested in bank stock, leaving about $9,000 to commence the purchase of books.

For some time previous to the year 1849, the Franklin Society had contemplated leaving the basement story of the building, on account of serious injury to their collections from dampness and decay, an evil which had been increasing for years, and which they had frequently brought to the notice of the Athenæum, without, however, either party taking any definite action on the subject. In December, 1848, they gave notice to the Athenæum that they had obtained the refusal of other rooms, and desired to relinquish their perpetual lease. Accordingly, the following agreement, reported by committees of the two associations, was made between them: The Athenæum were to pay to the Franklin Society $1,500, in consideration of which the latter were to surrender the premises and all their right therein to the Athenæum.

By this arrangement the Athenæum came into possession of the whole building. Amply sufficient space was thus afforded for its growing wants and the unity of purpose to which the edifice was now appropriated

bestowed upon it, and upon the institution occupying it, an additional force and dignity. The new space thus acquired was mostly appropriated to the formation of a new reading room, for which immediate measures were taken to prepare it.

The early records and annual reports of the Board of Directors show that the project of founding and maintaining this library was taken up and carried forward with great energy and enthusiasm. It engaged the pecuniary aid and earnest sympathies and active co-operation of some of the most cultured and enterprising citizens. This is manifest from the names appended to the call for the preliminary meeting, and to the petition for the Act of Incorporation, the persons named as Corporators, the Board of Officers elected at the first meeting of the Corporation and of the Directors, and the subscribers to the fund necessary to secure the benefit of the Brown & Ives' Donation.

Perhaps it will be interesting to the proprietors to hear some extracts from the early reports of the Board, and from Dr. Wayland's dedicatory discourse.

At the close of the first report to the first annual meeting, February 27, 1837, the accomplished Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in Brown University, writes thus:

"We have embarked, under cheering auspices, in a noble enterprise. In the priceless benefits of this enterprise we and our children cannot fail to participate. Let us beware, then, how we indulge, at the outset, a disposition to shrink from its burthens. If

it be our aim to establish a library which shall not dishonor our city and ourselves, we must come up to the great work with warm hearts and with open hands. This work cannot be accomplished by spasmodic efforts, or by transient expedients. It demands for its thorough execution sustained and vigorous action — the devotion of spirit which is not repelled from its object by the labor of years. It should, morever, recruit our zeal in this noble cause, to reflect, that a public library is almost the only institution which, amid the agitations of society at the present day, can expect to escape either the machinations of craft, or the turbulence of faction; in other words, that an institution like the Athenæum is powerful for good, and incapable of being perverted, by any party, religious or political, to the purposes of evil. Let us, therefore, lay broad and deep the foundations of our library, sustained by the grateful confidence that we are laboring to elevate the social character of our city, to advance the cause of general intelligence, to diffuse throughout our borders the light of learning and of truth."

At the end of the second report to the second annual meeting, September 25, 1837, the same eloquent pen writes:

"Public libraries are specially adapted to the wants of our people and to the genius of our government. We are, to a great extent, without amusements to diversify the forms of life in our American society. There is danger, therefore, lest multitudes who are fatigued by excessive action of mind and body in the round of common occupation, should, in the absence of innocent recreations, lapse into torpor, or engage in bitter strife, or sink into debasing sensuality. To all such, and in our country they cannot be numbered, a public library offers the best sources of healthful excitement, the most grateful refuge from the din of theological and political controversy, the truest relaxation from the cares of business, and, next to the influences of religion, the strongest safeguard against the seductions of pleasure. . . . Sustained by considerations like these, let us, one and all, seek to promote by every means in our power, the welfare of the institution which has been entrusted to our care. Its

infant destinies are in our hands, let us take good care that those who, in the order of Providence, are so soon to enter into our labors, shall have no cause to say that we were unfaithful to our high trust."

The following are the opening paragraphs of Dr. Wayland's discourse:

"Permit me to congratulate you upon the occasion which has this day called us together. We meet to celebrate the accomplishment of one of the most important undertakings in which the benevolent enterprise of this city ever has been enlisted. We assemble to hear the cheering announcement that the arrangements for the establishment of the Providence Athenæum have been completed. The chaste and beautiful edifice with which it has adorned our city is finished. The literary treasures, which, with so much spirit and judgment it has collected, have now found a permanent resting place. The doors have been to-day, for the first time, thrown open, and every arrangement has been perfected by which you and your children may have access to it.

"With the history of this undertaking you are, I presume, sufficiently acquainted. Two preceding efforts for supplying the intellectual wants of this city had nearly proved abortive, when a munificent donation from one of our most distinguished families imparted new vigor to the enterprise, and the zealous coöperation of a liberal public has carried it forward to a successful termination. About 7,000 volumes, selected with the greatest care, and comprising a most valuable portion of the literature of our language, are already spread open before you. A library of greater extent than adorns the mansion of probably any private individual in our country, is accessible to every one of us. Nor is this all. The plan of the institution embraces arrangements for the reception of everything, either useful or interesting, in the periodical literature of the day. Thus every one among us has the opportunity of tracing, through previous ages, the progress of the human mind; he may here, at any moment, learn, not only what man has done, but what man is actually doing. The past and the present are both equally open to his inspection, and his mind can hold high communion with the mighty living, and with the yet more mighty dead."

Various methods were used by the Board to keep up their own interest, and to enlist the interest of the public in the success of the institution. To this end, subjects for discussion were from time to time proposed and considered at the meetings of the Board. Early in the year 1838, a committee was appointed to take measures for an increase of the number of proprietors. The General Assembly, when in session in the city, were invited to visit the rooms; and the same invitation was extended from time to time to conventions of religious and other bodies holding sessions here.

One of the means adopted by the Board, and sanctioned by the Corporation, for advancing the interest and influence of the Athenæum, was the establishment of what was called "The Athenæum Lecture, or Discourse," to be delivered annually during the month of September. The first discourse was delivered by the Hon. John Whipple, on the tenth of November, 1842, (Mr. Whipple's engagements preventing a delivery before that time,) in the First Baptist Church, with appropriate religious services by Rev. Dr. Wayland, and excellent music adapted to original odes by Albert G. Greene and William J. Pabodie, Esqs. This discourse was pronounced to be "able and eloquent," and of a high order, and the Board took measures to procure a copy for the press, but were disappointed, Similar arrangements were made for a second discourse, which was, however, never delivered.

Having thus traced the history of the Athenæum down to the time of the completion and occupation of

this entire building, and having given some idea of the spirit in which the enterprise was begun, and the early measures taken to ensure its success, it will be more convenient to arrange what is further stated under different heads.

THE BUILDING AND ITS ALTERATIONS.

The external walls of this building, except repointing, which was done for the first time in 1885, remain in the same condition they were in when it was finished. The interior has undergone many alterations.

As before stated, the basement was constructed for the use of the Franklin Society, and under their direction as to internal arrangements. It was divided into two principal rooms, 21 feet by 36 feet, and two rear rooms, 21 feet by 20 feet. In 1850–51, soon after that Society left the building, the central partitions were removed and the four rooms were enlarged to two of the present size for the accommodation of the reading room, for which the small room above, at the left of the principal entrance, had been previously occupied. The floor was entirely relaid in a foundation of cement, in order to prevent or lessen the dampness. The basement was connected with the principal story by the present stairway, and a method of heating the whole building with hot water was introduced. The expense of these improvements was mainly provided for from a verbal bequest of the late Cyrus Butler, through Alexander Duncan, Esq.

The east room in the basement was appropriated

for maps and bound newspapers, and was furnished with a case for the accommodation of the many costly illustrated works in the library, and these were afterwards, on account of dampness, removed to the Directors' room.

The large table with drawers, made in imitation of an Egyptian Temple, designed and appropriately decorated by the late John R. Bartlett, assisted by the late Kingsley C. Gladding, in which the great work on Egypt, the Musée Française, and the plates of the large edition of Audubon's work on Birds, are kept, and which, before these alterations, occupied a place in the centre of the Library Room, was removed to this east basement room.

The Library Room, in the principal story, was originally 32 feet long by 43 feet wide, and was separated by a thick wall from another room to the east, connecting with the former by two doors. This "East Room," so called, before it was furnished with shelves for books in 1841, was often used for the free exhibition of works of art belonging to the Athenæum, or loaned to them for this purpose.*

The partition wall was removed in 1868, and the two rooms were thrown into one, and the accommodations for the library were largely increased by the present arrangement of alcoves and galleries, the expense of which was a little less than $8,000, which was almost entirely provided for by voluntary subscriptions by the shareholders and others.

* The plates accompanying the large edition of Audubon's Birds, before they were bound in volumes, were displayed on the walls of this room, and free access to them was given to the public.

Besides necessary repairs, various other alterations have, from time to time, been made in the accommodations of the building for additional shelf-room, and in the roof for ventilation and protection against rain and snow, and for conveniences in connection with the introduction of water, and for heating purposes.

The general appearance of the building from the street is the same as it was when it was completed, but the surroundings are very different. At the time this edifice was erected, neither the opposite nor the adjoining block of dwelling houses had been built. The site of the former, then considerably lower than the level of Benefit street, had once been temporarily occupied by a tent, or circular building, with a canvas roof, for circus performances, the only instance, it is believed, of such an entertainment being furnished to the residents of the second ward within the ward limits.

The only noted building in the neighborhood was the old Town House, mentioned in Messrs. Brown & Ives' letter offering the gift of the land. This ancient relic continued to be an opposite neighbor until 1860, when it was torn down and its members dispersed, and its very dust subjected to the flames. One can almost imagine that these opposite neighbors, dwelling for so many years near each other, although differing so much in years and in external adornments, had still contracted a strong friendship for and attachment to each other, and that, when the venerable building vanished, a void was left in the outlook of the survi-

vor, which even the stately, but overshadowing, temple of justice could not satisfactorily fill.

THE LIBRARY.

The library, as before stated, was first opened on the tenth of October, 1836, with a total number of 4,080 volumes, the population of the city being then a little over 20,000, and of the first, second and third wards, 9,527. The number of volumes now in the library is over 45,000, and the population of the city in 1885 was 118,070, and of the first three wards 29,960; the number of shareholders, at the first named date, being 293, and the number now being 696.

For many years the principal additions to the library were made by importations of English books, or by purchase of them from importers at New York, through agents appointed there; and on one occasion the Library Committee commissioned two of their number to go to New York for this purpose. Comparatively few books were then republished in this country, and the book trade in this city was very small. Now, English books are accessible in the large book marts of New York and Boston, and if the discount offered in the price is not satisfactory, the books can be imported by mail free of duty, and received within three or four weeks of the dispatch of the order; and a large number are republished here and may be obtained of the local booksellers. The yearly increase of the library by purchase and donations, and the yearly expense of the additions since 1836, appear in an annexed Table, Appendix No. 5.

CATALOGUES.

Catalogues of the library have been published as follows:

The first, in 1837; the second (supplementary), in 1839; the third, comprising the books in the first two, in 1853; the fourth (supplementary), in 1862. Since September, 1860, the annual additions to the Library have been printed and annexed to the annual reports.

A card catalogue is now in the course of preparation, which is to comprise all the books in the library.

DONATIONS.

DONATION OF LAND.

From Messrs. Brown & Ives, the lot on which the building stands.

DONATIONS OF MONEY.

1836.	Brown & Ives, ...	$10,000 00
1836.	Subscriptions to secure Brown & Ives' donation,	15,604 50
1842.	Brown & Ives, for release of condition in deed,	500 00
1849.	Butler-Duncan, ...	10,000 00
1862.	Rev. Allen Brown, ...	500 00
1866.	Capt. Thomas P. Ives, ...	10,000 00
1868.	Subscriptions for alterations in building,* .	7,934 79
1869.	Ethelbert R. Billings, for return of malachite table, ...	500 00
1872.	Mrs. Anna Richmond, to keep fountain in repair,	300 00
1874.	Mrs. Lydia Carpenter, of Pawtucket, . .	500 00
1879.	Carrington Hoppin, ...	3,000 00
		$58,839 29

*The names of the subscribers, and the amounts given, appear on the twentieth page of the 34th Annual Report.

DONATIONS OF ILLUSTRATED WORKS.

1838. From friends of the Athenæum* — Description of Egypt.
1838. " friends of the Athenæum† — Musée Française.
1840. " Amory Chapin — Public Works of Great Britain.
1840. " Hosea Ballou, Jr. — Naturalists' Library. 23 vols.
1842. " Philip Allen, Jr. — Antiquities of Nubia.
1857. " George H. Whitney — Gallerie du Palais Pitti.
1859. " Gov. Padelford — Pitture a fresco del Campo Santo di Pisa.
1859. " Gov. Padelford — Storia della Pittura Italiana. Da G. G. Rossini.
1859. " Gov. Padelford — Storia della Scultura. Da Cicognara.
1859. " Gov. Padelford — Il vaticano. Da Erasmo Pistolesi.
1861. " Alexander Duncan — Art Treasures of the United Kingdom.
1867–9. " Crawford Allen — L'Architecture privée au XIX Siècle, par César Daly.
1871. " Holder B. Bowen — Gillray's Caricatures.
1872–82. " Holder B. Bowen — Le case ed i monumenti di Pompei.
1873. " Dr. C. W. Parsons — Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalaya.
1876. " Frank E. Richmond — Churches and Fountains of Rome.

DONATIONS OF PORTRAITS, PICTURES, AND WORKS OF ART.

1838. From Samuel Larned — Copy of Stuart's Portrait of Washington.
1840. " James Phalen — Ten Busts of Distinguished Personages.
1850. " Dr. N. A. Fisher — Portrait of James G. Percival.

* Brown & Ives, Cyrus Butler, William G. Goddard, H. N. Slater, William Jenkins, Thomas J. Stead, Amory Chapin, "A Friend of the Athenæum," and "Another Friend."

† John Whipple, Amasa Manton, William Jenkins, William W. Hoppin, William T. Grinnell, and "A Friend of the Athenæum."

1853. From friends of Athenæum — Marble Bust of Judge Pitman.
1854. " Asa Pierce — Chinese Table.
1854. " Subscriptions — Malbone's Picture, "The Hours."
1859. " Friends of Athenæum — Harding's Portrait of Washington Allston.
1860. " Albert J. Jones — Photograph of Coliseum.
1861. " Dr. A. Caswell — Marble Copies of Remains in the Roman Forum.
1863. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Cavalier of time of Charles I., by Van Dyke.
1863. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Portrait of John Hampden.
1863. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Picture, "Girl Reading," by Sir J. Reynolds.
1863. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Malachite Table.*
1863. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Marble Bust of Shakspeare.
1864. " William Miller and others — Medallion of General Burnside.
1865. " Henry T. Cornett — Portrait of Zachary Taylor, by C. A. Foster.
1865. " Miss E. B. Lyman — Medallion of C. T. Brooks.
1865. " Moses B. Lockwood — Bust of William H. Prescott.
1867. " Mrs. Anna Richmond — Fresco Painting by Guido Reni.
1870. " friends of Athenæum — Medallion of Washington, Lincoln and Grant.
1873. " Mrs. Anna Richmond — Drinking Fountain.
1878. " Mrs. S. H. Whitman — Miniature, by Malbone, of her father, N. Power.
1879. " Executors of C. Hoppin — Portrait of C. Hoppin.
1882. " one of his family — Malbone's likeness sketch of himself.
1885. " Dr. W. F. Channing — Portrait of Mrs. S. H. Whitman, by Thompson.

* Afterwards returned to Mr. Billings, and for which he gave the Athenæum $500 and a collection of German books.

The donations of books have been very numerous. A list of some of the largest in number and value is given below:

DONATIONS OF BOOKS.

1839. From Tristam Burges — American State Papers, twenty-three folio volumes.

1839. " Thomas M. Burgess — Fifty-seven volumes in Italian.

1839. " Benjamin C. Harris — Niles' Weekly Register, twen-one volumes, to complete set.

1840. " Horatio N. Slater — Two hundred and thirty-six volumes of French Classics.

1841. " Thomas H. Webb — Scriptores Romani, twenty-three volumes.

1852. " Henry Anthony — Patent Journal and Inventors' Magazine, ten volumes.

1852. " Mrs. Edward B. Hall — Sixty-one volumes of Italian Drama.

1854–6. " Marshall Woods — Fifty-five volumes in French, relating to public health.

1856. " Alexander Duncan — Journal of Statistical Society and Reports of Registrar General, twenty-seven volumes.

1870. " Ethelbert R. Billings — Collection of German works.

1870–72. " Holder Borden Bowen — Chaucer Society Publications, 38 numbers.

1873. " John R. Bartlett — American State Papers, 1822–59, seventeen volumes.

1876. " Horace G. Miller — Abridged Memoirs of Royal Society, ten volumes.

1876. " J. D. Hedge — Appleton's American Cyclopædia, sixteen volumes, and numerous other books.

1882. " Joseph J. Cooke — Nine hundred and fifty-nine volumes.

Mr. Cooke gave to the Athenæum, by his will, $5,000, not in cash, but with the privilege of buying,

at auction, books from his library to that amount, without payment.

PROPRIETORSHIP, AND ITS PRIVILEGES.

The Constitution, Article 8, provides that "any individual who shall pay into the treasury fifteen dollars, shall be a stockholder or proprietor, and entitled to one share of the joint stock of the Corporation, which shall be transferable. And he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges secured to stockholders or proprietors by the laws of the Corporation, and subject to all the rules and regulations therein made and provided."

The By-Laws originally provided, Article 1, that "each stockholder shall have the privileges of the library for one individual only at a time; provided, nevertheless, he may introduce strangers from abroad" under certain conditions. Article 3 of the Library Regulations originally provided that "every person entitled to the privileges of the library shall be allowed to take out one folio, quarto or octavo, or two volumes of a less size, at a time, and may retain each volume, if a folio, four weeks, a quarto three weeks, an octavo or any smaller volume two weeks; no new publication, however, shall be retained longer than one week within the first six months of its reception, whatever may be its size; and every person shall be subjected to a fine of five cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified periods;" and Article 5, of the Library Regulations, provided that "no book shall be delivered to any one, excepting a stockholder, unless

the individual applying for the same exhibit the written order of a stockholder, or in such cases as one designated in Article 10."

In May, 1852, the By-Laws were revised and altered as follows: Article 1 to read, "Stockholders and their immediate families shall have a right to the privileges of the Athenæum. A stockholder may transfer the use of his share to another person for any time not less than three months, and said transfer shall be in writing and recorded. A stockholder by his written order may authorize another person to take out books on his share:" Article 3d of the Library Regulations to read, "every person entitled to the privileges of the Athenæum shall be allowed to take out two volumes at a time, and may retain the same two weeks, and every person shall be subjected to a fine of two cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified period:" and Article 5 to read, "No book shall be delivered to any one excepting a stockholder, or one of the immediate family of a stockholder, or upon the written order of a stockholder, except in such cases as are designated in Article 10." At the annual meeting in 1880, Article 3 of the Library Regulations was further altered to read, "Every shareholder or annual subscriber to the Athenæum shall be allowed to take out four volumes at a time, of which two shall not have been added to the library within one year past, and may retain the same two weeks, and every person shall be subjected to a fine of two cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified period."

It will be seen, therefore, that the privileges of proprietors have been very essentially enlarged since the institution was founded.

The Board, in their report to the annual meeting of September, 1883, referring to the alteration of the By-Laws allowing four volumes to be taken out at a time, expressed themselves as follows: "which vote, subsequent experience has convinced the Board, was impolitic, unwise, and detrimental to the interests of the Athenæum, and ought to be rescinded;" and this Board continues to be of the same opinion, and for the main reason, that practically, in connection with the right of a stockholder to authorize another person to take out books on his share, it almost stops the sale of new shares, only nine shares having been sold during the six years, and none during the first three years, since its passage.

The most remarkable and unaccountable fact in the history of the Athenæum is the small number of shareholders. This has been the theme of remark from the beginning. In his dedicatory discourse, July 11, 1838, Dr. Wayland says: "I blush to say that in this city there are but three hundred subscribers to the Athenæum. *There ought to be one thousand.*" The fourth Report of the Board, September, 1839, after stating that the number was three hundred and eighty-three, says, in the language of Professor Goddard, "it is not for this Board to prescribe to their fellow-citizens how they shall spend their money, or in what manner they shall seek happiness and honor for themselves and their children; but when they reflect how rich and

varied are the benefits of a generous intellectual culture, and at how small a price this institution offers to impart the benefits, they cannot abstain from an expression of regret that comparatively so few should come up hither to buy knowledge and wisdom and virtue." The fifth Report, September, 1840, says: "It continues to be a matter of surprise and regret to your Board, that, out of a population of twenty-three thousand, comparatively so few are found to avail themselves of the opportunity for intellectual improvement afforded by the largest and the most carefully selected library in this State."

The Treasurer's Report for the same year says: "Deeply mortified as we may feel, as citizens of Providence, that the advantages of the institution are so lightly appreciated, and so inadequately improved by this community, the fact cannot be concealed that our subscription list is closed, or at least suspended, with less than four hundred names on it."

The sixth Report, September, 1841, says: "The very small number of proprietors in proportion to the population of Providence, has been a subject of notice in one or more previous annual Reports. This continues to be a mutual misfortune to the Athenæum and to the community."

The seventh Report, September, 1841, says: "The present number of shareholders in the Athenæum is a subject upon which the Board cannot speak in terms of congratulation. The accessions to this number during the last three years have been slow and lingering."

The Treasurer's Report for September, 1843, says: "It would be very desirable to find the means of increasing the demand for new shares, and of enhancing the market value of old ones; and as a probable means of effecting this object, it is suggested that the number of shares to be issued should be limited, provided it can be done without impairing the obligations of the Corporation to individuals or the public, express or implied."

The tenth Report, September, 1845, says; "The subject of increasing the number of proprietors in the Athenæum has at different times been presented to the Board. . . Judging from the experience of the last two or three years, we might infer that the number of proprietors had nearly reached its highest limit. And yet in a compact city like our own, of thirty thousand inhabitants, and rapidly increasing in population and wealth, and in the proper appreciation of intellectual culture, are we to suppose that four hundred citizens exhaust the number of those who are either able or disposed to enjoy the benefits of a large public library proffered to them on terms extremely easy?"

The eleventh Report, September, 1846, says: "Reference has been made in most of the annual Reports to the small number of shareholders of the Athenæum in comparison with the population and wealth of the city. It is certainly to be deplored that less than one hundred and fifty have been added to the number since the institution was founded, and but about fifty since the erection of the edifice. It would certainly

have been no unreasonable anticipation to expect that the number would have doubled in the ten years, and amounted to six hundred, if not to one thousand."

The twelfth Report, September, 1847, says: "The price at which the shares are put is merely nominal, in comparison with the cost of the library, or the substantial benefits which are secured to the purchaser, and the annual tax to which the shareholders are liable is certainly far from being onerous. Under these circumstances, might we not justly expect, that, in a city of large wealth and much general intelligence, with an admirable system of public schools, and numbering upwards of 30,000 inhabitants, the number of proprietors would be greater than it now is?"

The thirteenth Report, September, 1848, says: "In nearly every previous annual Report, it has been a subject of remark and regret that so small a number of the inhabitants of this large city should have availed themselves of the very valuable library of this institution. There are both ample means and leisure at the command of the citizens of Providence to enable them to avail themselves of the advantages thus liberally proffered."

The fourteenth Report, September, 1849, says: "Fifteen new shareholders have been added during the past year, making the whole number five hundred and one. It is much to be regretted that this number is so small. During the year ending September, 1848, thirty-seven new proprietors were announced by

the Committee for obtaining an increase of shareholders; and the hope was then indulged that during another and more prosperous year, the accessions to the list would be still greater."

The twenty-ninth Report, September, 1864, after the lapse of fifteen years, says "the number of proprietors is now five hundred and eighty-three, which is two less than last year, while the number of shares is the same, five hundred and ninety-four. During the last year fourteen shares have been sold to pay taxes. The number of proprietors has increased but very moderately for the last ten years. Our city numbers about 60,000 inhabitants. There are probably about 12,000 households. Only one in twenty of these has any interest in the Athenæum, and yet the expense of ownership is very moderate, and certainly could not be felt as a burden to the great majority of our citizens."

The forty-eighth Report, September, 1883, says: "The Board regret to be obliged to repeat the statement made in the last two Reports, that not a single new share has been sold during the year. It is certainly as surprising as it is lamentable, that as the library increases from the avails of the taxes paid by the older shareholders who have been contributing their five dollars each annually for so many years, there cannot be found in this large city more persons who are willing and ready, without any urging, to pay for a share in this large and annually increasing library the small sum which most of the present shareholders paid for a share in a library of not half its size and value."

Would not a deeper blush have mantled the cheek of Dr. Wayland if he could have foreseen, that after the lapse of nearly fifty years, when the population of the city had increased more than five fold, and the assessed value of real and personal estate had increased from about $14,000,000 to over $130,000,000, the number of proprietors had but little more than doubled, not reaching three-quarters of what he then thought should have been the number? And what additional force is imparted to the urgent appeals made in the Reports of the Board, and of the Treasurer, by the comparisons just stated?

The annual increase in the number of shares issued, and in the number of shareholders, appears in the letter before referred to. Appendix No. 5.

Another remarkable and lamentable feature in the history of the Athenæum is the reluctance and delay, and frequent entire failure, of the stockholders, in the payment of the small annual tax of five dollars per share.

The Treasurer, in his Report for September 25, 1837, says, speaking of the first tax assessed in the February previous, "of the eight shares on which the tax is uncollected, three shareholders refuse to pay, three others reside in other States, and it is probable that most, if not all of them, must be collected eventually by the legal provisions of the Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation. Some gentlemen who are now proprietors appear to be very sensitive on the subject of taxation, and are desirous of having such alterations made in the Constitution and By-Laws of

the institution as shall relieve them from the calls of the tax-gatherer in the future."

In his Report, September 28, 1840, the Treasurer says "there remain due the Athenæum fifty dollars for taxes on ten shares, assessed at the last annual meeting; three of them belong to non-resident proprietors, and others to stockholders who refuse or unreasonably delay to make payment, and it is probable that most of these shares must be sold at auction."

This continued to be the burden of the Treasurer's Reports until about 1851, when for about ten years, from then to 1860, the taxes appear to have been all paid. For the last twenty years, one hundred and fifty-six shares have been sold for non-payment of taxes.

Undoubtedly some of these sales, from various causes, which need not be specified, have been unavoidable, but in many cases the default in payment has been by shareholders who continued to use the shares until they were sold.

Although, it must be confessed, there are some drawbacks, yet, on the whole, the proprietors of the Athenæum may be congratulated on the present condition of affairs, after the lapse of half a century.

Here is a substantial and conveniently arranged building, with commodious library and reading rooms. In the former are over 45,000 volumes, with shelf accommodations for half as many more, of well selected standard works in all departments of literature and learning, and among them are many costly works illustrating the productions of the great masters in art,

in ancient and modern times. The reading room is supplied with eighty-six periodicals in the English, French, German and Italian languages, in history, theology, science and literary criticism, and with illustrated journals from the strictly scientific to the merely entertaining and humorous, adapted to all tastes and to all ages; and if others, after all your urgent appeals, cannot be induced to share with you their advantages, you will have the satisfaction of feeling that your enjoyment of them has not been, is not, and will not be, a merely selfish gratification.

To one member of your Board (if he may, with your and their permission make another personal allusion), this institution has been, for the last half century, a fruitful source of intellectual and spiritual enjoyment and culture. He has been connected with it from time to time as one of its honored officers, and always as a frequent visitor, during that whole period; and the privileges which he has had, in intercourse with the minds and hearts whose thoughts and aspirations are here embodied in the printed and pictured page, and with those, dead and living, with whom he has been associated in the direction of its affairs, will ever, while memory lasts, be highly and gratefully appreciated.

For and in behalf of the Board of Directors,

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY,
President.

W. M. BAILEY, JR.,
Secretary.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 27, 1886.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 28, 1885		$2,267 60

RECEIPTS.

Two new shares sold at $15	$30 00	
Seven shares sold for taxes	60 00	
Tax collected	3,445 00	
Rights to use library for one year at $6	96 00	
Fines collected	339 80	
Books, photographs, etc., sold	38 03	
Extra books	20 46	
Dividends and interest on investments	1,616 42	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest	176 97	
		5,822 68
		$8,090 28

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,218 21	
Purchases for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	176 97	
Periodicals	363 82	
Binding	306 15	
Salaries	2,605 50	
Fuel	174 00	
Lighting	171 96	
Water	10 00	
Express, postage and freight	55 60	
Printing and advertising	109 00	
Insurance	51 00	
Building and grounds	138 82	
Furniture	78 85	
Supplies	99 31	
Labor	82 11	
	$5,641 30	
Balance to new account	2,448 98	
		$8,090 28

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares Blackstone Canal National Bank, par.....	$1,850 00	
63 shares American National Bank, par.....	3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie Railroad registered bonds, par.....	10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghamton and New York Railroad registered bonds, par.....	10,000 00	
Deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation..... ..	1,757 42	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest on participation in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company.....	3,206 33	
		$29,963 75

Tax unpaid on twenty-one shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27, 1886.

APPENDIX NO. 2.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record"	10	1
American Antiquarian Society	1	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	3	.....
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary."	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	.....
Angell, James B.	.....	2
Apprentices Library of the City of New York	.....	1
Austin, Samuel	.....	1
Bailey W. Whitman, "New England Journal of Education"	.....	1
Beckwith, Daniel	2	.....
Beckwith, Henry T.	1	.....
Birchard Library, *Fremont, O.*	1	.....
Boston, City Messenger	1	.....
Boston Public Library	1	3
Bourn, Joseph H.	2	.....
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston*	.....	3
Brooklyn Library	.....	1
Butler Hospital for the Insane	.....	1
Central Co-operative Board, *Manchester, England*	.....	54
Chace, *Mrs.* George I.	.....	1
Cincinnati Board of Education	1	.....
Cleveland Public Library	.....	1
Cogswell, Edward R., *Cambridge, Mass.*	1	1
Columbia College, *New York*	.....	1
Cox, William R., *Raleigh, N. C.*	.....	1
Davenport, Iowa, Academy of Natural Sciences	.....	1
De Munn, *Mrs.* Noble W.	1	.....
Dorrance, Samuel R.	1	.....
Doyle, *Miss* Sarah E.	1	.....
Drowne, Henry T., *New York*, 2 photographs	.....	1
Earle, Pliny, *Northampton, Mass*	2	.....
Eaton, Amasa M.	.....	2
Enoch Pratt Free Library, *Baltimore*	.....	2
Field, *Mrs.* Charles W.	.....	1
Folsom, Albert A., *Boston*	.....	1
Gammell, William	.....	1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen	.....	1
Green, Arnold	.....	1
Green, Samuel A., *Boston*	.....	1
Hartford Library Association	.....	2
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn.*	2	1
Horsford, Eben N., *Cambridge, Mass*	1	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
Jones, Augustine	.....	1
Larned, Walter C., *Chicago*	2	.....
Lawrence Public Library	.....	1
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	2
Livermore, Samuel T., *Bridgewater, Mass.*	1	.....
Maimonides Library, *New York*	.....	2
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor	2	.....
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	.....	1
Mercantile Library, *New York*	.....	3
Mercantile Library, *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Mercantile Library, *San Francisco*	.....	1
New England Society of Pennsylvania	.....	1
New England Society of St. Louis	.....	1
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston*	.....	3
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington*	.....	3
Ohio State Forestry Bureau	1	.....
Omaha Public Library	.....	1
Peck, George B	3	.....
Perkins, Frederick B., *San Francisco*	.....	2
Pillsbury, Parker, *Concord, N. H.*	.....	1
Providence, City Auditor	.....	1
" City Messenger	7	.....
Providence Public Library	.....	2
Rhode Island Board of Education,	1	.....
" " Board of State Charities and Corrections	2	1
" " Board of Women Visitors	.....	1
" " Secretary of State	2	2
" " Superintendent of the Census	.....	1
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	1
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	2
Richards, C. A. L	.....	4
St. Louis Public Library	.....	1
Sayles, *Mrs.* L. B., *Killingly, Conn*	.....	2
Smithsonian Institution	2	.....
Spooner, Henry J	2	.....
Springfield City Library Association	.....	1
Taunton Public Library	.....	1
United States Bureau of Education	1	6
" " Bureau of Labor	5	.....
" " Chief of Engineers	5	.....
" " Chief Signal Officer	2	.....
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	.....
" " Commission of Fish and Fisheries	2	.....
" " Comptroller of the Currency	1	.....
" " Department of State	.....	13
" " Department of the Interior	26	1
" " Department of the Navy	3	.....
" " Department of the Treasury	2	.....
" " Geological Survey	6	3
" " Hydrographic Office, "Pilot Charts"	.....	.....
" " Life-Saving Service	1	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette"	.....	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
University of Rochester	.....	1
Wayland, Francis, *New Haven*	.....	2
Webb, Samuel H	.....	1
Whitaker, Nicholas T	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus, "Andover Review"	6	2
Woods, Alvah	1	.....
Worcester Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	.....	1
Yale College	.....	2
Young Men's Association, *Buffalo*	.....	1

APPENDIX NO. 3.

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

Academy.
All the Year Round.
American Agriculturist.
American Architect.
American Journal of Archæology.
American Journal of Science.
American Missionary.
American Naturalist.
Andover Review.
Appalachia.
L'Art.
Athenæum.
Atlantic Monthly.
Bibliotheca Sacra.
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine.
Builder.
Catholic World.
Century.
Chambers' Journal.
Church Review.
Civil Service Record.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
Deutsche Rundschau.
Economist.
Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Fortnightly Review.
Forum.
Garden.
Gardener's Monthly and Horticulturist.
Graphic.
Harper's Monthly Magazine.
Harper's Weekly.
Illustrated London News.
L'Illustrazione Italiana.
Illustrirte Zeitung.
Johns Hopkins University Studies.
Journal of the Franklin Institute.
Law Magazine and Review.
Law Quarterly Review.
Library Journal.
Literary News.
Literary World.
London Lancet.
London Society.
Longman's Magazine.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Magazine of American History.
Mail.
Narragansett Historical Register.
Nation.
Nature.
New England Historical and Genealogical Register.
New Englander.
New Jerusalem Magazine.
New Princeton Review.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Notes and Queries.
Official Gazette.
Pall Mall Budget.
Pilot Chart.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Science Monthly.
Portfolio.
Presbyterian Review.
Publishers' Circular.
Publishers' Weekly.
Punch.
Quarterly Review.
Revue Bleue.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
St. Nicholas.
Sanitary Engineer.
Saturday Review.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
Spectator.
Temple Bar.
Unitarian Review.
U. S. Publications Monthly Catalogue.
Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine.
Westminster Review.

APPENDIX No. 4.

To the Honorable the General Assembly, January Session, A. D. 1836:

The subscribers respectfully represent that in the year 1753, a public library was established in Providence, which, in December of the same year, was almost wholly destroyed when the Court House was burned. In 1762 the former proprietors and others succeeded in reëstablishing the same with great additions, by individual contributions. This honorable Assembly in October, 1798, "being sensible of the utility of said institution, and willing to grant to the proprietors such powers as would enable them to effect the purpose thereby intended," as is expressed in the preamble, granted a charter of incorporation to the proprietors of said library, which charter, as amended by the subsequent acts of February, 1817, and October, 1818, is still in full force. The proprietors of said library, encouraged by the favorable light in which their object was viewed by the legislature of the State, and by the great advantages which such an institution afforded to the rising generation, have, by voluntary subscription and annual taxation, increased their library to more than 2,000 volumes.

That at June session, 1831, the General Assembly, on the petition of certain other individuals, proprietors of another public library, then just established in Providence, granted them a charter of incorporation under the name of the Providence Athenæum.

That this institution, under their charter and by their voluntary contributions and annual taxation, have collected a library consisting of more than 2,300 volumes. Many of the proprietors of the Providence Library Company are also members of the Providence Athenæum, and the consequence of the existence of these two institu-

tions for the same object, has been mutually disadvantageous, by increasing the expenses and diminishing the interest of each. Aware of this, these institutions, after mature consideration, and ineffectual attempts for an union, have severally resolved to dispose of their libraries and dissolve their corporations in case the honorable Assembly would grant a new charter for the same objects to those of the corporators of each, and such others, as would join them in applying therefor. Wherefore the subscribers hereto pray that the Assembly will take the matter into consideration, and grant them a charter of incorporation according to the form herewith presented.

And as in duty bound will ever pray. Nich's Brown, Thomas Burgess, John Pitman, Philip Allen, Moses B. Ives, Jabez Gorham, Fred'k A. Farley, George Curtis, J. Kingsbury, Owen Mason, John A. Howland, W. R. Staples, Zachariah Allen, Wm. S. Patten, Christopher Burr, Geo. C. Arnold, Geo. Baker, Isaac Brown, William Jenkins, Moses Brown, Tully D. Bowen, Welcome Congdon, Oliver Kendall, James O. Arnold, Charles F. Tillinghast, Charles Holden, James H. Read, Thos. Whitaker, Caleb Earle, Cyrus Fisher, Thos. F. Carpenter, D. C. Cushing, Jonah Steere, Alexis Caswell, F. Wayland, George Larned, Robert H. Ives, Alfred Wright, P. W. Ferris, Samuel Shove, Thomas White, Richard Waterman, Henry Bowen, George W. Steinhauer, N. B. Crooker, Stanford Newell, Samuel W. Bridgham, C. Soule Cartee, Thomas C. Hartshorn, John Babcock, Isaac Thurber, J. Mauran, Horatio Rogers, John T. Pitman, H. G. Mumford, Wm. Pabodie, Jno. Carter Brown, Jos. Carpenter, Joseph Knowles.

APPENDIX No. 5.

Years.	INCREASE OF LIBRARY.			Total in Library.
	Books bought.	Books given.	Total books added.	
1837	4,158	4	4,162	4,162
1837	832	6	838	5,000
1838	1,007	34	1,041	6,041
1839	939	215	1,154	7,195
1840	869	321	1,190	8,385
1841	617	85	702	9,087
1842	487	19	506	9,593
1843	799	93	892	10,485
1844	772	15	787	11,272
1845	782	31	813	12,085
1846	783	34	817	12,902
1847	510	21	531	13,433
1848	921	97	1,018	14,451
1849	634	19	653	15,104
1850	687	20	707	15,811
1851	659	32	691	16,502
1852	691	84	775	17,277
1853	699	45	744	18,021
1854	676	104	780	18,801
1855	528	190	718	19,519
1856	617	131	748	20,267
1857	1,437	125	1,562	21,829
1858	690	83	773	22,602
1859	1,277	123	1,400	24,002
1860	1,020	44	1,064	25,066
1861	655	28	683	25,749
1862	445	79	524	26,273
1863	542	31	573	26,846
1864	503	35	538	27,384
1865	814	36	850	28,234
1866	742	59	801	29,035
1867	827	145	972	30,007
1868	486	73	559	30,566
1869	428	47	475	31,041
1870	822	103	925	31,966
1871	509	76	585	32,551
1872	478	108	586	33,137
1873	504	182	686	33,607
1874	779	106	885	34,492
1875	537	75	612	35,104
1876	652	98	750	35,854
1877	563	146	709	36,563
1878	635	50	685	37,248
1879	563	64	627	37,875
1880	773	170	943	38,750
1881	830	127	957	39,574
1882	1,142	111	1,253	40,734
1883	899	428	1,327	42,014
1884	963	751	1,714	43,656
1885	949	195	1,144	44,582
1886	1,099	128	1,227	*45,672
	41,230	5,426	46,656	

* This represents the number of volumes in the Library, after deducting books worn out, or missing, which were charged off the last seven years, and in 1872 and 1873, and does not include unbound pamphlets.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1837-1886.

Years.	Annual Expenses. Expense of Books.	Annual Expenses. Other expenses.	Total expenses.	Shares issued.	Share-holders.	Circulation.
1837				293	292	
1837	$9,377 29	$22,225 59	$31,602 88	303	302	3,684
1838				375	374	7,504
1839	853 43	2,133 86	2,987 29	386	383	10,236
1840	1,145 81	1,399 38	2,545 19	400	396	12,506
1841	1,202 55	1,765 89	2,968 44	411	404	15,152
1842	691 69	1,156 48	1,847 57	422	416	15,567
1843	1,555 39	1,412 01	2,967 40	427	421	14,303
1844	1,799 50	1,187 38	2,986 88	427	421	14,855
1845	1,326 55	1,486 19	2,812 74	428	422	15,518
1846	1,485 66	1,469 81	2,955 47	435	429	17,346
1847	1,380 37	1,716 43	3,096 80	449	440	17,244
1848	1,227 96	1,922 55	3,150 51	486	477	17,887
1849	1,237 04	1,717 74	2,954 78	501	491	18,895
1850	1,752 03	3,257 19	5,009 22	524	516	19,707
1851	1,446 60	2,086 60	3,533 20	537	531	19,304
1852	1,756 97	4,570 27	6,327 24	545	538	19,223
1853	1,455 05	2,661 21	4,116 26	556	549	19,413
1854	1,499 94	3,046 22	4,546 16	564	558	18,587
1855	823 90	2,823 02	3,646 92	567	561	18,720
1856	1,152 74	2,262 94	3,415 68	572	567	17,846
1857	2,108 40	2,185 57	4,293 97	580	576	19,289
1858	1,319 08	2,517 73	3,836 81	580	576	21,838
1859	1,603 63	2,021 07	3,624 70	586	581	20,353
1860	1,849 49	1,968 04	3,817 53	591	585	20,311
1861	1,257 90	2,028 53	3,286 43	591	584	19,179
1862	1,147 72	2,955 68	4,103 40	591	583	*18,262
1863	922 13	2,172 86	3,094 99	594	585	18,352
1864	1,073 49	2,264 35	3,337 84	594	583	18,412
1865	2,435 89	2,838 18	5,274 07	598	589	19,977
1866	1,943 32	2,781 15	4,724 47	605	596	19,561
1867	2,054 45	2,954 34	5,008 79	613	604	20,409
1868	1,375 31	3,362 19	4,637 50	622	614	20,176
1869	1,142 93	3,802 20	4,945 13	631	624	†12,527
1870	2,101 19	3,971 06	6,072 25	640	632	22,902
1871	1,421 03	3,607 85	5,028 88	646	637	22,331
1872	1,335 49	4,454 47	5,789 96	653	643	21,502
1873	1,394 02	3,195 57	4,589 59	657	646	22,852
1874	1,620 44	3,350 62	4,971 06	663	653	23,767
1875	1,460 35	3,877 81	5,338 16	674	664	24,911
1876	1,931 98	4,052 77	5,984 75	682	672	26,279
1877	1,570 28	3,834 22	5,404 50	690	679	25,876
1878	1,630 35	3,451 18	5,081 53	696	684	25,077
1879	1,518 89	3,846 76	5,365 65	697	686	23,148
1880	1,865 15	2,889 60	4,754 75	699	687	22,970
1881	2,072 31	3,026 08	5,098 39	699	685	31,550
1882	2,212 73	3,402 14	5,614 87	699	685	33,629
1883	2,030 27	3,496 06	5,526 33	699	686	34,320
1884	2,393 36	3,506 77	5,900 13	703	689	36,269
1885	1,963 68	4,229 65	6,193 33	706	692	39,019
1886	2,065 15	3,576 15	5,641 30	708	696	40,800

* No accurate account kept, the Assistant Librarian being absent three months as a volunteer in the war for the Union; estimated ten per cent less than 1861.

† Library closed for delivery of books part of the year on account of alterations in the Library Room.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS,

REPORTED TO THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 27, 1886.

	Share, No.
Abbott Harlan P.	93
Abbott Josephine L.	703
Aborn Jennie P.	377
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Edward S.	665
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Charles B.	50
Allen Edward S.	346
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Zachariah*	8
Ames John O.	380
Ames Samuel*	171
Andem Amma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M.	195
Angell Walter F.	638
Anthony Gardner Chace	486
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Walter E.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Appleton Henry	402
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Pardon	254
Arnold Christopher B.*	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Newton D.	244
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
Arnold Stephen H	556
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Aylsworth Hiram B.	702
Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Baker Nathan H.	412
Balch Abigail Pope	469
Balch John R.*	339
Balch Mary Howard	644
Ballou William H.	106
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Elizabeth T.	310
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Bartlett John R.*	279
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	700
Beckwith Henry T.	269

* Deceased.

	Share, No.
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Belden Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	290
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Binney William	558
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Henry A.	562
Blanding William B.	40
Blodgett John T.	314
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Annie E.	594
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Herbert A.	10
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles	461
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton Clara	63
Bridge A. Alice	169
Bridgham Joseph	250
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	166
Brown Thomas	212
Brown Walter F.	85
Brown William Whipple	205
Browne Mary L.	585
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Buffum Harriet	608
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134
Bullock Julia	502
Burbank Robert W.	237
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Edwin A.	682

	Share, No.
Burnham George H.	163
Burnham George W.	167
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Bush Elodie	455
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butts Eliza T.	611
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Francis W.	79
Carpenter George M.	344
Caswell Edward T.	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Amanda M.	531
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace George I.*	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chace William M.*	176
Chafee Zechariah, Jr.	555
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Charles V.	423
Chapin Cornelia S.	653
Chapin George W.	337
Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chase William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.*	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coats James	686
Coe Marcy W.	14
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Coleman Stephen R.	393
Collins George L.	526
Colwell James W.	641
Congdon George W.	257

	Share, No.
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranshaw John T.,	216
Crauston Francis A.	131
Cranston Henry C.	548
Creighton J. Hamilton	281
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.	561
Cross James Madison	139
Cross William J.*	29
Crowell James L.	344
Curtis Dora E.	110
Cutler Edward H.	153
Dailey Charlotte F.	209
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.*	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G *	117
Deming Richard H.	705
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Abby S.	554
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares,	92, 670
Downes, Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Jacob*	336
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Edgar G.	358
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273

	Share, No.
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Elswald Lucy A.	676
Ely Joseph C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Evans Bailey W.	508
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.*	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander*	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Fenner William H., Jr.	196
Field Charles W.	26
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	566
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
Fiske George McClellan	675
FitzGerald Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Henry	368
Flint Alonzo	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
French Florence	586
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Furse Edmund	144
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
George Charles H.	706
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Mathilde K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Mrs. Moses B. I.	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm.G.* 2 shares,	234, 406
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582

	Share, No.
Gorham John	427
Gower George Lewis	627
Granger Daniel L. D.	264
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Charles A	164
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Isaac C.	444
Greene Richard W.	73
Greene William Albert*	187
Greene William H.*	617
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grinnell Mary	291
Grosvenor William	108
Gurney P. Eugene.*	623
Haines William S.	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hale Wendell Phillips	688
Hall Clifton A.	391
Ham Benjamin W.*	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Cyrus	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Henry H.	259
Harris Thomas	353
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Haskins Adeline G.	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Henshaw Rebecca P.	619
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hinckley Frederick A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Hoard Cora B.	282
Hogg Walter S.	162

	Share, No.
Holbrook Albert	451
Hope St. Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hopkins Sarah F.	127
Hoppin, Eliza H.	414
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Sarah D.	219
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Albert C.	550
Howard Elisha H.	112
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howard Hiram	708
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W., 2 shares,	515, 581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson John T.	120
Jackson William F. B.	41
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jenks Stephen A.	83
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares,	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	464
Keach Mary A.	200
Keene Emilie F.	142
Keith James G.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	190
Kendall Jane W.	88
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.*	148
King Charles G *	685
King William J.*	571
Klapp Lyman	541
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Robert	616
Knight Webster	660

	Share, No.
Knowles Edward P.*	488
Knowles John P.	71
Knowles Joseph*	268
Knowles Joseph B.	512
Knowles Stephen M.	154
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Larchar John*	39
Larned Edwin C.	95
Larned Samuel	306
Lewis John D.	55
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Henry	68
Lippitt Peleg W.	567
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John F.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McIlvaine J. Hall	503
Mackinney Herbert G.	204
Manchester Emma L.	478
Mansfield Albert T.	114
Manton Louisa*	551
Manton Robert G.	634
Martin Annie F.	323
Martin Sylvester G.	419
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Arthur Livingston	366
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Earl Philip	161
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Ch.	36
Matteson Ella J.	409
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A	132
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf George, Jr.*	672
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Horace G.	632

	Share, No.
Miller William B. M.	523
Millett Thomas A.	396
Miner Susan	663
Ministry-at-Large	491
Mitchel Thomas L.	452
Monro Harriet M.	596
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mumford Charles C.	226
Murray Robert, Jr.	379
Newcome Mary L.	681
Nichols Isabelle B. S.	504
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale Anna E.	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.*	493
Nisbet William D.	81
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Oldfield John,* 2 shares,	174, 292
Olney Frank F.	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John H.	251
Ormsbee John S	347
Osborn William*	340
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen George, Jr.	501
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Packard Mary S.	609
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares,	111, 487
Paige Henry	362
Paine Amasa	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Park William H.	363
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263

	Share. No.
Patterson George Herbert	626
Payne Abraham*	497
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, 2 shares,	421, 608
Pearce Edward D.*	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen M.	18
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.*	376
Peck Walter A.	126
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Fenner H., Jr.	24
Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Thomas*	22
Pegram John C.	704
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phillips George R.	579
Phillips Thomas*	378
Pierce Esther H.	218
Pierce William G*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Poland, William C.	694
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emory H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K	578
Potter Henry A. L., Jr.	473
Potter William H.	677
Powell Thomas C.	123
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randolph John R., 2 shares,	521, 606
Rathbone Waltie	322
Rawson Mary E.	387
Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares,	84, 432
Read John R.	548
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Fitz James	355
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richards Samuel*	238

	Share, No.
Richardson Louise	658
Richardson Thomas A., 2d.	535
Richmond Caroline	707
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Howard	46
Richmond Walter	652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Ripley James M.	23
Risley John E., Jr.	483
Robinson Charles Pitt	455
Robinson Dorcas B.	489
Robinson Edward H.	168
Robinson Ezekiel G.	236
Roelker William G.	572
Rogers Horatio	400
Russell Hope B.	3
Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Frederick M.	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi	578
Saniewska Irene S.	701
Sawin Isaac W.	241
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524
Sawyer Charles Freeman	657
Sawyer John W.*	435
Schmid Albert J.	691
Seabury Frederick N.	664
Seagrave Caleb	217
Seagrave George A.*	466
Sessions Mary J.	327
Sharpe Lucian	595
Shattuck Bertha F.	494
Shaw James, Jr.	324
Shaw Mary A.*	587
Shedd J. Herbert	637
Sheldon Francis J.	158
Sheldon George E.	388
Sheldon Nicholas	188
Shepard Elizabeth A.	385
Shepley George L.	284
Simmons W. Seabury	607
Slater John, 2d.*	11
Slater John W.	621
Slicer Thomas R.	383
Slocum Edward E.	463
Smith Albert J.	172
Smith Amos D.*	101
Smith Arba Dike	335
Smith Benjamin W.	87
Smith C. Winthrop	518
Smith Charles Morris	449
Smith Clara D. C. H.	476
Smith Ferdinand	15
Smith John W.	215

	Share, No.
Smith Joseph J.	678
Snow Edwin M.	599
Snow J. Lippitt	275
Snow Louis F.	66
Southwick Isaac H.	32
Spencer Joel M.	668
Sprague Samuel S.	177
Stafford Robert R *	100
Staples William R.	181
Stark Charles R.	540
Stead Thomas J.*	249
Steere Jonah*	420
Steere Thomas	381
Stiness John H.	471
Stiness Philip B.	76
Stiness Samuel G.	109
Stockbridge John C.	270
Stockwell George A.	492
Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Stone Alfred	417
Stone Cora Bishop	180
Studley Thomas E.	454
Sturges Howard O.	239
Sumner Arthur P.	484
Sweet Joseph*	276
Sweetland Cornelius S.	431
Taft James W.	624
Taft Orray*	59
Taft Royal C.	465
Talbot Frederic	133
Talbot William R.	56
Tarbell Charles F.	182
Taylor Daniel A.*	534
Taylor Mary L.	610
Temple William H. G.	436
Thomas Hiram H.	370
Thompson John C.	365
Thurber Isaac B.	577
Thurber Samuel	509
Thurston Benjamin F.	356
Thurston Frederick L.	98
Thurston George W.	151
Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Tibbitts William T.	247
Tibbitts William W.*	552
Tillinghast James	272
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Tingley Henry F.	297

	Share, No.
Tobey Sarah F.	462
Tomlinson Charles W.	375
Torrey Ellsworth	612
Torrey Moses E.	384
Towne Etta B.	293
Townsend William C.*	122
Tripp Benjamin	61
Truman Nathan*	248
Tucker William A.	309
Tyler Harriet H.	16
Tyler Solomon	64
Union Baptist Society	574
Union Congregational Church	659
Vaughan Daniel W.	52
Vaughan Mrs. Henry W.	9
Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Vose Seth M.	440
Walcott Erastus L.	81
Warner James M.	138
Warren Andrew McC.	529
Waterman Henry*	278
Waterman Rufus	277
Waterman William H.*	240
Watson Matthew	27
Webster Josiah L.	460
Weeden Anna E.	125
Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Weeden Clinton R.	302
Weeden Frank E.	656
Weeden Stephen R.	394
Weeden William B.	522
Weeden William G.*	246
Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
West George J.	121
Westcott Amasa S.	639
Whitaker C. Earle	271
Whitaker Henry C.	613
Wiggin Helen M.	633
Wilbour Joshua	542
Wilcox George D.	252
Williams Nathan W.	386
Wilson William E.	105
Wood George H.	499
Woodbury Augustus	557
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687 owners of one share each	687
8 owners of two shares each	16
1 owner of five shares	5
696	708

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Board of Directors of the Providence Athenæum present to the fifty-second annual meeting of proprietors a "detailed report of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the institution," as required by the Constitution.

The Board held their first meeting for organization and other business on Monday evening, October 4, 1887. They re-elected Augustus Woodbury, President, and Royal C. Taft, Vice-President. They also re-elected Daniel Beckwith, Librarian, Mary M. Angell, Assistant-Librarian, and Louise Richardson, Second Assistant-Librarian, to their respective offices; and the Standing Committees, on the Library, on the Building and Grounds, and on Accounts, were appointed. The Board have held regular meetings each month, and the average attendance at these meetings has been nine.

At the meeting in January, three hundred and eighty volumes of Congressional documents, asked for by the Department of the Interior, and considered to be of no value in the Library, were ordered, in the discretion of the Committee on the Library, to be deposited with the Department of the Interior, or with the Providence Public Library. And the ques-

tion of making a gift of these books to the said Department of the Interior, or to said Public Library, was referred to the next annual meeting of the Corporation. It was the judgment of the Board that as the Library received many valuable books from the government, no better use could be made of the books than to return them to the government authorities at Washington, who especially desired them to complete sets.

A question has arisen as to the true meaning and intent of Article Twelfth of the By-Laws. The Librarians have in recent years made an annual examination of the Library without any action on the part of the Directors calling in the books or closing it. The examination was previously made by the Directors in person. It has been doubted whether such examination by the Librarians, more particularly without calling in the books annually, was all that the by-law contemplates, and the best interests of the Library demand; the matter is therefore referred to the Corporation for its judgment and direction. In the opinion of the Directors some modification of Article Twelve of the Regulations is desirable.

On the twenty-fifth day of May, Mr. Albert J. Jones, a former Secretary of the Athenæum, deceased at Florence, Italy. The newspapers of the time mentioned the fact, afterwards verified by a communication from the American Consul at Florence, and the will of Mr. Jones, that the President of the Athenæum was named as one of the executors of the will. The will itself has not yet been made public.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the last year was twelve hundred and fifteen. There were added:

By purchase,	992
By gift,	93
By binding periodicals,	130
	1,215

According to size there were:

Folios,	56
Quartos,	61
Octavos,	365
Duodecimos,	540
Sixteenmos,	193
	1,215*

The average cost of the books purchased is $1.41 per volume. Four pamphlets were bought, and two hundred and thirty-five were received as gifts. The number of volumes given to the Library was less than usual. Many came from the public offices at Wash-

* Classified by subjects the books added were:

English prose fiction,	281
Juveniles,	93
History and biography,	204
Poetry, belles lettres, and fiction in foreign languages,	189
Voyages and travels,	41
Fine and useful arts,	65
Science, law and medicine,	90
Religion, philosophy, social science and education,	117
Periodicals,	135
	1,215

ington, and were sent at the request of Senator Aldrich. A list of the donors is attached to this report. Nine parts of "Le case ed i monumenti di Pompeï," five parts of "La basilica di San Marco in Venezia," the Illustrazione Italiana, a weekly illustrated paper published at Milan, and twenty-five volumes relating to Italy or Italian art, were purchased at a cost of $197.32 from the income of the Carrington Hoppin Bequest.

When the Library was examined in July, 1,450 volumes were absent from their places on the shelves. Probably one thousand were in circulation. The rest were in process of cataloguing, binding or covering. All these volumes have since been seen except ten, which are reported as missing, and ten which have been lost by shareholders (four of which have been already paid for). Two books reported missing last year have since been found. The number of volumes belonging to the Athenæum on September 1, 1887, was 46,452.

The circulation during the past year was 42,059, classified as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
Fiction and juveniles, ...	27,062	64.34
History and biography, ...	4,837	11.51
Poetry and belles lettres, . .	2,922	6.95
Art, science, law and medicine, .	2,247	5.34
Religion, philosophy and social science,	1,696	4.03
Voyages and travels, ...	1,671	3.97
Periodicals, ...	1,624	3.86
	42,059	100.00

The circulation has increased three per cent. over last year, an increase wholly in fiction and juveniles. The circulation in the other classes is a thousand volumes less than last year. The largest number of volumes taken out in any one month was in March, 4,399, and the largest daily circulation was 349, on February 19. Thirty-one shares have been transferred during the year, seven new shares have been issued, forty-nine shares have remained unused.

The following periodicals have been added to the list published last year. Two are given, nine are bought: American Exchange and Mart; American Journal of Psychology; Book Chat; Das Echo; Le Français; Harvard Law Review; Murray's Magazine; Outing; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Scribner's Magazine; Swiss Cross. One hundred periodicals are now taken.

The following is a general statement of the finances of the Athenæum for the past year, the items of which will appear in the Treasurer's report.

Balance on hand, Sept. 27, 1886, ...	$2,448 98

RECEIPTS.

From shares sold, ...	105 00
" taxes, fines, etc., ...	4,251 72
" dividends and interest, ...	1,620 59
	$8,426 29

EXPENDITURES.

For books and periodicals, ...	$2,090 96
" salaries, ...	2,978 40
" other purposes, ...	1,425 00
Balance on hand September 26, 1887, ...	1,931 93
	$8,426 29

It has already been stated that the increase in circulation is wholly in fiction and juveniles. A library must, like everything else, regard the law of demand. But it must also remember its responsibility to give true direction to a great and constantly increasing educational force. Private libraries in many places wane because free public libraries are abundant and contain more books of the popular sort for pastime readers and because fewer people each year read substantial books carefully through. They instead glide hastily over many books, or depend upon reviews. The masses read more for amusement than for instruction. And the taste of all must be satisfied in the library if it is to succeed. What is chaff to one person may contain nutriment for another. The library ought not to attempt to rival the book club, the weekly paper, the news stand, or the vender of books on the railroad. But it cannot justly and properly refuse to its readers a full and unstinted supply of the works of the masters of romance who interest, teach and elevate their readers. By this method only can the library meet its patrons of all conditions of culture with entertainment and instruction.

Mere matters of instruction seem to be more and more collected in reference books, and reduced to exact and definite limits by indexes and classification, so that facts and exact knowledge are accessible without the extensive reading which was once necessary. Human experience has fully shown that works of romance which are true to nature and art and pure in tone have an important influence over men and conduct.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf and by order of the Board of Directors,

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY,
President.

W. M. BAILEY, JR.,
Secretary.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 26, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 27, 1886		$2,448 98

RECEIPTS.

Seven new shares sold at $15	$105 00	
Ten shares sold for taxes	95 00	
Tax collected	3,480 00	
Rights to use library at $6	80 00	
Fines collected	334 29	
Books, photographs, etc., sold	46 31	
Extra books	18 80	
Dividends and interest on investments	1,620 59	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest	197 32	
		$5,977 31
		$8,426 29

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,459 81	
Purchases for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	197 32	
Periodicals	433 83	
Binding	315 20	
Salaries	2,978 40	
Fuel	175 00	
Lighting	172 98	
Water	10 00	
Express, postage and freight	60 88	
Printing and advertising	130 00	
Insurance	37 00	
Building and grounds	205 96	
Furniture	159 41	
Supplies	134 37	
Labor	24 20	
		6,494 36
Balance to new account		1,931 93
		$8,426 29

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value.	$1,850 00	
63 shares American National Bank, par value.....	3,150 00	
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie Railroad registered bonds, par value.....	10,000 00	
10 Syracuse, Binghampton and New York Railroad registered bonds, par value.....	10,000 00	
Deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation.....	1,828 40	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation.....	3,142 13	
		$29,970 53

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Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 26, 1887.

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Abdank-Abacanowicz, Br. *Paris*	1	.....
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record"	.....	.....
American Antiquarian Society	.....	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
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Bowen, Clarence Winthrop, *New York*	.....	2
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Civil Service Reform Association of Providence	.....	22
Clark, Franklin Chase	.....	1
Cleveland Public Library	.....	1
Columbia College	.....	3
Cornell University	.....	1
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Royal Society of Canada	2	.....
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" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette"	.....	.....
" " Superintendent of Documents	.....	1
University of California	.....	1
University of Rochester	.....	1
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Wharton, Francis, *Washington*	3	.....
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Aldrich Henry L.	629
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Allen Edward S.	346
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Allen Zachariah*	8
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Ames Samuel*	171
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Andrews Frank H.	93
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M.	195
Angell Walter F.	638
Anthony Gardner Chace	486
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Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Nellie M.	323
Anthony Walter E.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Pardon	254
Arnold Christopher B.*	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold Frederick W.	76
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Newton D.	244
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
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Austin John O.	60
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Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Baker Nathan H.	412
Balch Abigail Pope	469
Balch Mary Howard	644
Ballou William H.	106
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Elizabeth T.	310
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Bartlett John R.*	279
Bartlett Thomas E.	378
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby G.	617
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	700
Beckwith Henry T.	269
Beckwith Jane L.	695

* Deceased.

	Share, No.
Belden Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	290
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregational Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Berry Cora I.	678
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	641
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Henry A.	562
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C., Jr.	114
Blodgett John T.	314
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Annie E.	594
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Eliza R.	596
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Herbert A.	10
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles	461
Bradley Charles S.	303
Brayton Clara	63
Bridge A. Alice	169
Bridgham Joseph	250
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	166
Brown Thomas	212
Brown Walter F.	85
Brown William Whipple	205
Browne Mary L.	585
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Fran cis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134
Bullock Julia	502
Burbank Robert W.	237

	Share, No.
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Edwin A.	682
Burnham George H.	163
Burnham George W.	167
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Bush Elodie	455
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butts Esther T.	611
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Caldwell Samuel L.	340
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlile Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Francis W.	79
Carpenter George M.	344
Caswell Edward T.*	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Amanda M.	531
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace George I.*	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chafee Zechariah, Jr.	555
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Cornelia S.	653
Chapin George W.	337
Chapin Virginia Kensett	423
Chapman Rhodes B.*	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chase William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.*	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coats James	686
Coe Marcy W.	14
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Coleman Stephen R.	393
Collins George L.	526
Congdon George W.	257

	Share, No.
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranshaw John T.	216
Cranston Francis A.	131
Cranston Henry C.	548
Creighton J. Hamilton	281
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.*	561
Cross James Madison	139
Cross William J.*	29
Crowell James L.	344
Curtis Dora Evelyn	110
Cutler Edward H.	153
Daily Charlotte F.	209
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.*	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis James S.	351
Davis Thomas	173
Davis William D.	318
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
Deming Richard H.	705
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Abby S.	554
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares,	92, 670
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Dunnell William Wanton	336
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Edgar G.	358
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159

	Share, No.
Dyer John	21
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Eddy Walter U.	50
Edwards Stephen O.	297
Eiswald Lucy A.	676
Ely Joseph C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Evans Bailey W.	508
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.*	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander*	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
Field Charles W.	26
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	566
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
Fiske George McClellan	675
FitzGerald Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Henry	368
Flint Susan A.	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
Francis Alice	567
French Florence	586
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Furse Edmund	144
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
George Charles H.	706
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Mathilde K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Elizabeth Amory	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares,	234, 406
Goldsmith William B.	710
Goodwin Daniel	315

	Share, No.
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gorman Charles E.	142
Gower George Lewis	627
Granger Daniel L. D.	264
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Charles A.	164
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Richard W.	73
Greene William Albert*	187
Greenwood Harriet W.	654
Greer David H.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grinnell Mary	201
Grosvenor William	108
Guilbert Jean E.	550
Gurney P. Eugene*	623
Haines William S.*	102
Hale Isaac	382
Hale Wendell Phillips	688
Hall Clifton A.	391
Ham Benjamin W.*	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Hamlin William E.*	178
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Cyrus*	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Henry H.	259
Harris Thomas	353
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Haskins Adeline G.	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600
Hayward Thomas W.	503
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H.	583
Hazard George P.*	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Henshaw Rebecca P.	619
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hinckley Frederick A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Hoard Cora B.	282
Hogg Walter S.	162

	Share, No.
Holbrook Albert	451
Hope St. Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hopkins Sarah F.	127
Hoppin Eliza H.	414
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Sarah D.	219
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Edith L.	112
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howard Hiram	708
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W., 2 shares,	515, 581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Irons Charles F.	402
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson John T.	120
Jackson William F. B.	41
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jenks Stephen A.	83
Johnson William S.	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Albert J.*	82
Jones Augustine, 2 shares,	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	464
Keach Mary A.	200
Keith James G.	567
Kelley Ebenezer*	190
Kendall Jane W.	88
Kendall Lydia K.	712
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.*	148
King Charles G.*	685
King William J.*	571
Klapp Lyman	541
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Robert	616
Knight Webster	660

	Share, No.
Knowles Edward P.*	488
Knowles John P.*	71
Knowles Joseph*	268
Knowles Joseph B.	512
Knowles Stephen M.	154
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Lapham Oscar	196
Lapham Simon S.	607
Larchar John*	39
Larned Edwin C.	95
Larned Samuel	306
Lennon John F.	125
Lewis John D.	55
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Charles Warren	709
Lippitt Christopher	150
Lippitt Henry	68
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John F.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Lyman Henry B.*	67
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McGregor Eben	444
McIlvaine J. Hall	503
Mackinney Herbert G.	204
Manchester Emma L.	478
Manton Louisa*	551
Manton Robert G.	634
Martin Sylvester G.	419
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Arthur Livingston	366
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Earl Philip	161
Mason John H.	713
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Ch.	36
Matteson Ella J.	409
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A.	132
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf Esther P.	218
Metcalf George, Jr.*	672
Metcalf Henry B.	253
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642

	Share, No.
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda	118
Miller Horace G.	632
Miller William B. M.	523
Millett Thomas A.	396
Miner Susan	663
Ministry-at-Large	491
Mitchel Thomas L.	452
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Moulton & Ingraham	506
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mumford Charles C.	226
Murray Robert, Jr.	379
Newcomb Mary L.	681
Nichols Isabelle B. S.	504
Nickerson Edward I.	480
Nightingale Anna E.	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.*	493
Nisbet William D.	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.	546
Oldfield John,* 2 shares,	174, 292
Olmstead Ellen E.	339
Olney Frank F.	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John H.	251
Ormsbee John S.	347
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen George, Jr.	501
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Packard Alpheus Spring	715
Packard Mary S.	609
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares,	111, 487
Paige Henry	362
Paine Amasa	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Park William H.	363
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614

	Share, No.
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263
Patterson George Herbert	626
Payne Abraham*	497
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, 2 shares,	421, 608
Pearce Edward D.*	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Pease Alvin F.	214
Peck Allen M.	18
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B.*	376
Peck Walter A.	126
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Fenner H., Jr.	24
Peckham Joseph C.*	319
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Thomas*	22
Pegram John C.	704
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phillips George R.	579
Pierce William G.*	422
Pitman Henry	197
Poland William C.	604
Pope William H.	498
Porter Emery H.	80
Porter Sidney*	671
Potter Asa K.	625
Potter Frank	576
Potter Frank K.	578
Potter Henry A. L., Jr.	473
Potter William H.	677
Powell Thomas C.	123
Preston Howard W.	689
Prouty Charles	231
Radeke Eliza M.	136
Randolph John R., 2 shares,	521, 606
Rathbone Waitie	322
Rawson Mary E.	387
Read Francis	434
Read James H., 2 shares,	84, 432
Read John R.	543
Reynolds George T.	232
Reynolds John*	320
Reynolds William H.	415
Rhoades Lawrence	42
Rhodes Olive B. M.	62
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Rice Fitz James	355
Rice Howard M.	479
Richards Charles A. L.	604
Richards Maria T.	238
Richardson Louise	658

	Share, No.
Richardson Preston	714
Richardson Thomas A., 2d.	585
Richmond Caroline	707
Richmond Frank E.	157
Richmond Howard	46
Richmond Walter	652
Rickard Roswell R.	43
Ripley James M.	28
Risley John E., Jr.	483
Robinson Charles Pitt	455
Robinson Dorcas B.	489
Robinson Edward H.	168
Robinson Ezekiel G.	236
Roelker William G.	572
Rogers Horatio	400
Russell Hope B.	3
Sabin Charles	201
Sackett Frederick M.	317
Salisbury Charles T.	513
Salisbury Levi*	578
Saniewska Irene S.	701
Sawin Isaac W.	241
Sawtelle Franklin J.	524
Sawyer Charles Freeman	657
Sawyer John W.*	435
Schmid Albert J.	691
Seabury Frederick N.	664
Seagrave Caleb	217
Seagrave George A.*	466
Sessions Mary J.	327
Sharpe Lucian	595
Shattuck Bertha F.	494
Shaw James, Jr.	324
Shaw Mary A.*	587
Shedd J. Herbert	687
Sheldon Francis J.	158
Sheldon George E.	388
Sheldon Nicholas	188
Shepard Elizabeth A.	385
Shepley George L.	284
Slater John, 2d.	11
Slater John W.	621
Slicer Thomas R.	383
Slocum Edward E.	463
Smith Albert J.	172
Smith Amos D.*	101
Smith Arba Dike	335
Smith Benjamin W.	87
Smith C. Winthrop	518
Smith Charles Morris	449
Smith Clara D. C. H.*	476
Smith Ferdinand	15
Smith John W.	215
Snow Edwin M.	599
Snow J. Lippitt	275

	Share, No.
Snow Louis F.	66
Southwick Isaac H.	32
Spencer Joel M.	608
Sprague Samuel S	177
Stafford Robert R.*	100
Staples William R.	181
Stark Charles R.	540
Stead Thomas J.*	249
Steere Jonah*	420
Steere Thomas	381
Stiness John H.	471
Stiness Samuel G.	109
Stockbridge John C.	270
Stockwell George A.	492
Stockwell Thomas B.	199
Stone Alfred	417
Stone Cora Bishop	180
Studley Thomas E.	454
Sturges Howard O.	239
Sumner Arthur P.	484
Sweet Joseph*	276
Sweetland Cornelius S.	431
Taft James W.	624
Taft Orray*	59
Taft Royal C.	465
Talbot Frederic	133
Talbot William R.	56
Tarbell Charles F.	182
Taylor Daniel A.*	534
Taylor Mary L.	610
Temple William H. G.	436
Thomas Hiram H.	370
Thompson John C.	365
Thurber Isaac B.	577
Thurber Samuel	509
Thurston Benjamin F.	356
Thurston Frederick L.	98
Thurston George W.	151
Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Tibbitts William T.	247
Tibbitts William W.*	552
Tillinghast James	272
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
Tobey Sarah F.	462
Tomlinson Charles W.	375
Torrey Ellsworth	612

	Share, No.
Torrey Moses E.	384
Towne Etta B.	293
Townsend William C.*	122
Tripp Benjamin	61
Truman Nathan*	248
Tucker William A.	309
Tyler Harriet H.	16
Tyler Solomon	64
Union Baptist Society	574
Union Congregational Church	659
Vaughan Daniel W.	52
Vose Seth M.	440
Walcott Erastus L.	81
Warner James M.	138
Warren Andrew McC.	529
Waterman Henry*	278
Waterman Rufus	277
Waterman Stephen	711
Waterman William H.*	240
Watson Matthew	27
Webster Josiah L.	460
Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Weeden Clinton R.	302
Weeden Frank E.	656
Weeden Stephen R.	394
Weeden William B.	522
Weeden William G.*	246
Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
West George J.	121
Westcott Amasa S.	639
Whitaker C. Earle	271
Whitaker Henry C.*	613
Whitney Mary E. A.	176
Wiggin Helen M.	633
Wilbour Joshua	542
Wilcox George D.	252
Williams Nathan W.	386
Wilson William E.	105
Wood George H.	499
Wood William H.	220
Woodbury Augustus	557
Woods Marshall, 5 shares, 145, 243, 326, 359, 547	

694 owners of one share each	694
8 owners of two shares each	16
1 owner of five shares	5
703	715

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CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE ATHENÆUM IN PROVIDENCE.

PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1836.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That Moses Brown, Nicholas Brown, Thomas Burgess, &c.,* together with each person who shall hereafter become a stockholder or proprietor in the same, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, constituted and made a body corporate and politic, in the city of Providence, by the name and style of THE ATHENÆUM, with perpetual succession; and by that name shall have power to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to prosecute and defend all suits in law or in equity; to have, hold, use and dispose of at their pleasure, goods, chattels, lands and tenements, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of books, papers, furniture, and collections in science and the arts; to make by-laws for the management of their concerns, and for the regulation of their library, and affix penalties to the breach thereof,—*Provided* such by-laws be not repugnant to law; to elect all necessary officers, and prescribe the tenure of their offices and their duties; to hold meetings as often as occasion may require, ten to be a quorum, until other provisions be made on the subject by said corporation; to impose taxes on the owners of shares in said corporation; and generally to have all the privileges and powers incident to corporations instituted for library and scientific purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the share of each corporator shall be liable for all taxes assessed thereon, and may be sold for the payment thereof, under such terms, and in such manner, as shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

* A large list of names is omitted for the sake of brevity.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Zachariah Allen be authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving public notice of the time and place of such meeting, in two of the newspapers printed in Providence, at least five days previous to the time appointed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act of incorporation shall be subject to all future acts of the General Assembly in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

AN ACT in amendment of an act entitled "An Act to incorporate The Athenæum, in Providence."

PASSED AT THE OCTOBER SESSION, A. D. 1850.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

The said corporation shall hereafter be known by the name and style of "THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM," instead of "The ATHENÆUM," as is now by its charter provided: and so much thereof as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 29, 1836.

ARTICLE 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, and not less than seven nor more than thirteen Directors, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors. The Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be chosen, (and by ballot if required by fifteen of the members present,) at the annual meeting of the members; and shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are chosen in their places:* *Provided*, that when they are not chosen at the annual meeting, the election may take place at any other meeting called in the manner prescribed in Article 7th of this Constitution. The Directors shall choose the President and Vice-

* See alteration at end of Constitution.

President, from their own body, or from the members at large; and shall fill all vacancies which occur during the year.

ART. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, preserve order therein, give the casting vote, and perform all other duties which usually appertain to such an office. In case of his absence, the Vice-President shall supply his place, and in case of their absence, the senior Director present shall preside.

ART. 3. The Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Directors, keep a fair record of their respective proceedings, and conduct all the correspondence of the institution, according to the direction of the Board; he shall keep a regular record of the number of shares owned in the institution, placing opposite each, the name of the owner thereof, and he shall present, at each annual meeting, a list of the names of the stockholders in the institution.

ART. 4. The Treasurer shall keep an exact and faithful account (in a book to be kept for that purpose) of all the financial concerns and property of the institution, and collect and receive all money due, or belonging thereto. He shall pay no bills but by order of the Board, under such regulations as they prescribe, and shall make a detailed report of the state of the Treasury, and of the financial concerns of the institution, at each annual meeting of the Corporation, and also whenever required so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Corporation. He shall also give bond, to the satisfaction of the Board, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ART. 5. The Board of Directors shall direct the purchase of books, and transact, manage, and regulate all affairs of the institution, of every kind, not otherwise provided for by the Corporation; and shall present, at the annual meeting, a detailed report of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the institution.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting of the Corporation, to be holden at the rooms of the institution, (unless elsewhere appointed and notified by order of the Board of Directors,) on the fourth Monday of February in each year,* for the choice of Directors and other officers, and for the transaction of other business. There shall be

* See vote, at the end of the Constitution, altering the time of the annual meeting.

monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, at such time and place as they appoint, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President whenever he deems it expedient. Special meetings of the Corporation shall be called by the Secretary, upon request in writing signed by twenty members; and also whenever the Board of Directors deem it expedient.

ART. 7. All meetings of the Corporation shall be notified by advertising the same, one week previously thereto, in one or more of the newspapers published in Providence. Ten members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Corporation. The Secretary shall cause all meetings of the Board to be duly notified, on or before the day of the respective meetings, and at such meetings five shall be required to form a quorum.

ART. 8. Any individual who shall pay into the Treasury fifteen dollars, shall be a shockholder or proprietor, and entitled to one share of the joint stock of the Corporation, which shall be transferable. And he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges secured to stockholders, or proprietors, by the laws of the Corporation, and subject to all the rules and regulations therein made and provided. The Board of Directors may admit annual subscribers to the privileges of the Library, on such terms and conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

ART. 9. Each stockholder or proprietor shall be furnished with a certificate of each share by him owned, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, in the following form, viz.:

PROVIDENCE,

This certifies that is proprietor of share No. ——, in the Athenæum, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a proprietor, and subject to all the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Corporation.

A. B., President.

C. D., Secretary.

ART. 10. Each stockholder or proprietor shall be entitled to one vote, by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the Corporation, subject however to the restrictions specified by the by-laws; and shall be liable for all assessments voted

by the Corporation, provided the same do not exceed five dollars per annum on each share.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at any meeting of the Corporation, provided it be inserted in the notice for that meeting, that an amendment of the Constitution will be then proposed: *And provided also*, That two-thirds of the members present at such meeting approve the same.

ALTERATIONS.

At the first Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Athenæum, held on the fourth Monday of February (the 27th), 1837,

It was voted, That the words, "on the fourth Monday of February," in the sixth article of the Constitution, be erased, and the words, "on the fourth Monday of September," be substituted in their place.

At the eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Athenæum, held on the fourth Monday of September (the 26th), 1853, article 1st was amended as follows:

"The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and Treasurer, and not less than seven nor more than thirteen Directors, of whom three in the order of seniority shall be annually ineligible for reëlection for the term of one year, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors," etc.

BY-LAWS.

RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. Stockholders and their immediate families shall have a right to the privileges of the Athenæum. A stockholder may transfer the use of his share to another person, for any time not less than three months, and said transfer shall be made in writing and recorded. A stockholder by his written order may authorize another person to take out books on his share.

ART. 2. Each stockholder may introduce strangers from abroad, who shall be entitled to the free use of the Athenæum (except the right to take out books) for the term of one month thereafter, upon recording their names in a book to be kept for that purpose, together with the name of the person by whom introduced, who shall be responsible for their observance of the by-laws and regulations of the institution.

ART. 3. No stockholder, nor persons claiming under him, shall be allowed any of the rights or privileges of the institution, so long as he is subjected to any penalty incurred, or neglects or refuses to pay the fines standing against him, after being notified thereof.

ART 4. If any assessment, made agreeably to the constitution, remain unpaid for thirty days after the delinquent stockholder, or his legal representative, shall have been duly notified by the Treasurer of the existence of the same against him, the Board may direct such delinquent's share to be disposed of by public sale, and if the proceeds of the sale exceed the amount due to the institution, the surplus shall be paid over to said delinquent, and a new certificate, signed by the President and Secretary, shall be issued, conveying to the purchaser as full and perfect a title to the share sold, as was originally possessed by the former owner thereof.

ART. 5. No transfer of a share shall be valid, unless the stockholder transferring, satisfy the Secretary that there is no penalty in force against him, and present written evidence from the Treasurer and Librarian that there exist no claims against said stockholder, and unless a record of such transfer be made by the Secretary, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY, READING ROOM, AND OTHER ROOMS.

ARTICLE 1. The Library shall be kept open on such days, and at such hours, as the Board may direct.

ART. 2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the words "Providence Athenæum," and if donations to the institution, shall, unless otherwise requested, be inscribed with the names of the donors in such manner as the Board may direct.

ART. 3. Every shareholder of or annual subscriber to the Athenæum shall be allowed to take out four volumes at a time, of which two shall not have been added to the Library within one year past, and may retain the same two weeks, and every person shall be subjected to a fine of two cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified period.

ART. 4. Every book shall be returned in good order, regard being had to the reasonable wear thereof. If any book shall be lost or injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall replace it by a new volume, or set, if it belong to a set, or pay the value thereof, as determined by the Library Committee, and thereupon the remainder of the set, if it belonged to one, shall be delivered to the person paying therefor.

ART. 5. No book shall be delivered to any one excepting a stockholder, or one of the immediate family of a stockholder, or upon the written order of a stockholder, except in such cases as are designated in article tenth.

ART. 6. No book shall be taken from the Library without the written receipt of the person taking the same.

ART. 7. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves whenever he may deem such removal improper.

ART. 8. No book shall be lent by any person taking the same, under a penalty of one dollar.

ART. 9. The Library Committee shall from time to time specify what works, on account of their rarity or value, shall not be taken from the Athenæum, except by their permission. No periodical or pamphlet shall be taken from the Athenæum, except by permission of the Library Committee, until the same shall be bound in a volume.

ART. 10. The Board may, on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes connected with objects of public utility, or, in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals, not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum, under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem it advisable to impose.

ART. 11. Any person taking a book or periodical from the Athenæum, contrary to the regulations, shall be liable to forfeit his right

to the privileges of the Athenæum for one year, and if any individual shall wilfully mutilate or deface any book, or other property of the Athenæum, he shall be subject to such forfeiture of his rights or privileges in the institution as the Board shall direct.

Art. 12. Examination of the Library of this institution shall be made at such times at least once a year in pursuance of such methods and by such agent or agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time in their discretion direct and appoint, and such person or persons so examining shall make report in writing to said Board of the condition of said Library for approval by said Board, or such further examination or action as they may deem best. Such power of examination may, if the exigencies seem to require, authorize the Board in their discretion to call in the books of the Library and close the rooms for such examination, and any person neglecting to conform to the call at the time specified shall be liable to such penalty, not exceeding one dollar, as the Board may impose.

Art 13. The Librarian, with his Assistants, shall be appointed by the Board, with such compensation as the Board may determine. It shall be his duty to maintain the strictest order and decorum in the Athenæum Rooms, and to enforce an exact observance of the regulations pertaining thereto; to deliver books to those entitled to them, to examine each book on its return to the Library, before it is permitted to be taken out again, or is replaced on the shelves, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any injury has been done to the same, and if any, who did it, or is responsible therefor, and to turn up all leaves that have been turned down, and to place in their proper position all maps or plates that may have been wrongly folded, to preserve in proper order all books, pamphlets, charts, &c., before permitting them to be used; and, under the direction of the Board, to make a full and accurate catalogue of the same, alphabetically classified in the several departments of literature and science to which they respectively belong; to record in a book kept for the purpose, all donations to the institution, keep a regular account of all fines incurred, and collect and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and report to the Board, at each monthly meeting, all donations and communications received by him since the last preceding meeting, and all violations of the regulations of his department. He shall, moreover, perform such other

duties pertaining to his office, as the Corporation or Board may from time to time prescribe.

ART. 14. For their better preservation, the Librarian shall (until the Board otherwise direct) cover the books with thick paper, previously to their being taken from the Athenæum, and shall require that they be returned in like order.

ART. 15. Any book taken out by one stockholder, shall first be returned to the Library before it can be taken out by another stockholder; and when so returned, it shall be delivered to the first one who shall afterwards apply for the same, and no book shall be reserved or promised by the Librarian, in any case whatever.

ART. 16. Books, pamphlets, or other articles, not the property of the Corporation, may be deposited in the Athenæum, under the regulations of the Board; and all deposits shall be at the risk of the owners.

ART. 17. Every person shall be held responsible for any book charged to him on the Librarian's book, unless he see the entry erased, or the word *returned* written against it, on his returning it to the Librarian.

ART. 18. All books shall remain one week on a table in the Reading-Room, after being purchased or presented.

ART. 19. No periodical, pamphlet, or book of reference, which may be placed on the tables in the Reading-Room, shall be taken from said room.

ART. 20. No loud conversation shall be permitted in any of the rooms of the Athenæum; and any conduct, any way inconsistent with the purposes to which they are appropriated, shall subject the offender, at the discretion of the Board, to a deprivation of any or of all the privileges of the institution. The Board, may, however, should they deem such an arrangement desirable, designate some one of the rooms of the Athenæum, which may be used as a room for conversation.

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REPORT

MADE TO THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT ITS

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1888.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

THE Board of Directors of the Providence Athenæum, in accordance with the requirements of Article 5 of the Constitution, present to the fifty-third annual meeting of the proprietors "a detailed report of the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the institution."

At the meeting for the organization of the Board holden on Monday evening, October 3d, the following officers were re-elected: President, Augustus Woodbury; Vice-President, Royal C. Taft. They also re-elected Daniel Beckwith, Librarian, Mary M. Angell, Assistant Librarian, and Louise Richardson, Second Assistant Librarian; and the standing committees on the Library, on the building and grounds, and on accounts, were appointed.

The Board has held its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, and has endeavored to administer the affairs of the institution for the benefit of the proprietors.

As will be noticed, there has been no change in the officers, and in no perfunctory spirit, but with a heartiness which our words can hardly express, we enter upon record our appreciation of the faithful and interested zeal of the Librarian and his assistants;

and also wish to bear testimony to the amount of gratuitous work done by the Secretary and Treasurer.

The small number of proprietors and the consequent small income of the Athenæum has been one of the most important concerns of the Directors during the past year, as we find in looking over the old reports, has also been the concern of our predecessors.

The Athenæum had, at its annual meeting in February, 1837, when the population of the city was about 21,000, a list of proprietors numbering 293, which increased to 396 in 1840, while the population had increased to 23,172. The number of books owned at the first annual meeting was 4,080. The population of the city has increased to about 130,000, the Library has increased to about 48,000 volumes, and the number of proprietors has increased to only 716. In other words, the population of the city has increased 6.2 times, the Library has increased in volume twelve times, and the number of proprietors has increased only 2.4 times.

Had the increase in the number of proprietors kept pace with the growth of the city, we should now have more than 1,800 proprietors with an available income, with which to purchase books, of about $5,500 instead of about $2,100, which is the amount now at the disposal of the Library Committee, and they would be enabled to meet the frequently expressed wish of proprietors for books, which they are now unable to purchase from want of means. Another consideration

would seem to be of some moment in urging an increased number of proprietors, and that is the intrinsic value of a share.

A proprietor of the Athenæum to-day owns 1–716th part of the property, embraced in the real estate, the land and buildings, the invested funds and in the books, paintings, etc., etc., within these walls, the whole having a money value of certainly not less than $100,000.

Books, ...	$40,000
Invested Funds, ...	30,000
Land and buildings, . . .	30,000
	$100,000

That is, the worth of a share in the Athenæum, based on fair and moderate valuation, is about $140, and yet but one new share has been sold for $15, the price of the same, since our last annual meeting. Dr. Wayland, in 1838, says: "I blush to say that in this city there are but 300 subscribers to the Athenæum. There ought to be one thousand." These words have often been quoted, and in past reports various suggestions have been made of how to induce the citizens of Providenre to come forward and buy shares, and pay the very small annual stipend required to enable them to enjoy the rich collection before them, but these appeals have fallen upon unresponsive readers and hearers.

In the report of the Librarian a remedy is sug-

gested which will be alluded to before this report closes.

The Librarian has as usual kept an accurate record of the use of the Library, and under the instructions of the Board of Directors he has made a careful examination of the same. The statistics of the Library as given by the Librarian are as follows:

"The number of volumes belonging to the Library on September 1st was 47,701. There were added during the year 1,359.

By purchase, ...	1,068
" gift, ...	155
" binding periodicals, . .	136
	1,359

Classified according to subjects they were:

English prose fiction, . . .	283
Juvenile, ...	90
History and biography. . .	214
Poetry, belles lettres, etc., . .	225
Voyages and travels, . . .	40
Fine arts, ...	46
Science, law and medicine, . .	145
Religion, philosophy and social science, ...	140
Periodicals, ...	176
	1,359

The average cost of the books bought was $1.26 per volume.

One hundred and fifty-five volumes, and one hundred and seventy-four pamphlets were given to the Library. A list of the donors is appended to the report. Seventeen volumes and the periodical called *Illustrazione Italiana* were bought for $59.44 from the Carrington Hoppin Bequest. The only changes in the periodical list are the addition of Engineering and Garden and Forest; and the dropping of the Gardeners' Monthly and the Law Magazine.

The circulation was 43,495, classified as follows:

	Volumes.	Per cent.
English prose fiction	25,008	57.50
Juvenile	1,516	3.48
History and biography	4,926	11.32
Poetry, belles lettres, etc	4,171	9.59
Voyages and travels	1,733	3.98
Fine arts	947	2.18
Science, law and medicine	1,630	3.75
Religion, philosophy and social science	1,939	4.46
Periodicals	1,625	3.74
	43,495	100.00

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 4,517; the largest daily was 354, on Saturday, March 17th.

Thirty-one shares have been transferred during the year. One new share has been sold. Forty-four shares have remained unused.

The circulation has increased three per cent. over last year.

The classification, used for the first time this year, differs so much from that of former years, that it is not possible to compare the circulation of particular classes with previous years.

It may be interesting to give side by side the percentage of the books bought, or rather added, for many of them are given, and the circulation in each class.

	Percentage of books added.	Percentage of circulation.
Fiction	20.82	57.50
Juvenile	6.62	3.48
History of biography	15.75	11.32
Poetry, belles lettres	16.56	9.59
Voyages and travels	2.94	3.98
Fine arts	3.39	2 18
Science, law and medicine	10.67	3.75
Religion, philosophy and social science	10.30	4.46
Periodicals	12.95	3.74
	100.00	100 00

The following is a general statement of the finances of the Athenæum for the last year, the items of which will appear in the report of the Treasurer:

Balance on hand September 26, 1887. .....$1,931 93

RECEIPTS.

From share sold	15 00
" taxes, fines, etc	4,156 08
" dividends and interest	1,642 54
" gift from a friend	54 00
	$7,799 55

EXPENDITURES.

For books and periodicals	$1,759 18	
" salaries	3,048 40	
" other purposes	1,263 75	
		6,071 33
Balance on hand Sept. 24, 1888		$1,728 22

The Librarian's report to the Directors of the examination of the Library is of sufficient interest and importance to be given in full.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

"The examination began on the 15th of June, and continued almost every day until the end of July. One of the assistant librarians read the shelf lists, and wrote the number of every book that was not in its place on the shelf. Fourteen hundred and forty-six volumes were absent from their places. These have since been found, excepting eleven, which are reported as missing. All of them are not lost, for each year's examination brings to light some volumes reported missing in former years. This year, one volume missing in 1886, and eight missing in 1887, were found.

The books, and also the pamphlets, maps and works of art, are generally in good condition. The binding of the oldest books, especially the folios and quartos, has rotted with age, and is so worn out that these volumes can hardly stand alone; but since they are books that are not touched from one annual examination to another, it would be extravagant to

rebind them. Some of the new books, the popular novels in particular, are also worn out, but they are worn out from the inside, and are too far gone to be rebound. Of such books one hundred and ten volumes have been discarded during the year.

The following considerations are appended to this report at the suggestion of the Library Committee:

The use of the Library has doubled since 1880, the last year when two books were given out on each share. The income, that is the power to provide, care for, and give out books, has remained nearly stationary. The increased use is not wholly by shareholders and their families. It is to a considerable extent by persons who have orders from shareholders. There are no less than 311 such orders on file, orders given by 238 shareholders. Some of these are old and are no longer used, for shareholders rarely recall orders, and the orders are generally operative 'until further notice.' But there are probably more than a hundred in constant use. In some cases the persons taking out books on orders, pay the shareholders for the privilege. In other words, shares so used are divided, and serve two families without adding to the revenues of the Athenæum.

It is not contended that the Library is used too much, for it exists to be used, the more it is used the better it fulfills its mission, but it does seem certain that the shareholders who do not give orders are injured by the custom of dividing shares. They have less chance of getting books, perhaps only half the chance of getting a new book. If the increased use

of the Library were accompanied by a corresponding increase of income, more books would be bought and every shareholder would be benefited by the increased use. Without increased income, increased use means injury to the shareholders. It was not the intention of the shareholders, when they voted in 1880 to give four volumes instead of two on each share, to injure themselves in this manner.

There are two ways to remedy this evil: one is to return to the two volume system; the other is to take away from the shareholder the right to give orders. The former way appears the more difficult, and the latter, if recommended by the Board of Directors, might be adopted by the shareholders at the next annual meeting."

The Directors would suggest a third method; namely, to restrict the right to give orders to take out books to the Library Committee, and to allow stockholders only the privilege to introduce persons to the Library (in person or by letter) who are not proprietors.

If this is thought to restrict too seriously the use of the Athenæum (and it must not be forgotten that the books are for use and not to be locked up and left unused), it must be borne in mind that the Library Committee meet weekly, and it is now so constituted (and is likely always to be) as to insure a wise exercise of this power.

In accordance with these views the Board of Directors would recommend that the By-Laws and Regula-

tions be changed and amended by striking out of By-Law No. 1 the last sentence thereof: "A stockholder by his written order may authorize another person to take out books on his share;" by striking out of the Regulations Articles 6 and 8, and by amending Article 10 by inserting instead of the word "Board" (the second word of the first line), the words "Library Committee;" and by inserting the words "terms" after the word "such"—the third word of the fifth line, so that the same shall read as follows:

"The Library Committee may, on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes connected with objects of public utility, or, in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals, not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum, under such *terms*, restrictions and regulations as they may deem it advisable to impose."

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY,
President.

W. M. BAILEY, JR.,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance September 26, 1887		$1,931 93

RECEIPTS.

One new share sold	$15 00	
Seven shares sold for taxes	64 75	
Tax collected	3,485 00	
Rights to use library at $6	150 00	
Fines collected	325 71	
Extra books	24 40	
Books, photographs, etc., sold	46 78	
Dividends and interest on investments	1,642 54	
Gift from a friend	54 00	
Carrington Hoppin Bequest	59 44	
		5,867 62
		$7,799 55

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$1,320 71	
Purchases for Carrington Hoppin Bequest	59 44	
Periodicals	379 03	
Binding	368 15	
Salaries	3,048 40	
Fuel	247 00	
Lighting	157 41	
Water	10 00	
Express, postage, etc	42 96	
Printing and advertising	92 93	
Insurance	171 18	
Building and grounds	62 76	
Furniture	18 72	
Supplies	62 36	
Labor	30 28	
	$6,071 33	
Balance to new account	1,728 22	
		$7,799 55

INVESTMENTS.

74 shares Blackstone Canal National Bank, par.....	$1,850 00
63 shares American National Bank, par.....	3,150 00
10 Buffalo, New York and Erie registered bonds, par.	10,000 00
10 Syracuse, Binghampton and New York registered bonds, par.....	10,000 00
Deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation.....	1,906 90
Carrington Hoppin Bequest, in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, on participation.....	3,221 65
	$30,128 55

Tax unpaid on fifteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 24, 1888.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Aldrich, Nelson W., "Congressional Record" and	13	.....
American Antiquarian Society	.....	1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	.....
American Missionary Association, "American Missionary"	.....	.....
American Unitarian Association, "Unitarian Review"	.....	1
Ames Free Library	.....	1
Amherst College	.....	1
Angell, James B., *Ann Arbor, Mich*	.....	2
Appleton, John Howard	.....	2
Apprentices' Library, *New York*	1	9
Apprentices' Library, *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Astor Library, *New York*	.....	1
Bailey, W. Whitman, "Journal of Education"	.....	.....
Beckwith, *Miss* Abby G	.....	2
Beckwith, Henry T	3	.....
Boston City Messenger	2	.....
Boston Public Library	.....	4
Bradlee, Caleb D., *Boston*	.....	7
Brooklyn Library	.....	2
Buffalo Library	.....	1
Bulkley, *Mrs.* Abby Isabel, *Brooklyn, N. Y*	1	.....
Chace, Arnold Buffum	.....	1
Chace, *Mrs.* George I	.....	1
Chicago Public Library	.....	2
Child, Edward F	5	.....
Coles, Abraham, *Newark, N. J*	1	.....
Collins, George L	.....	5
Cowing, *Miss* Grace A. L	16	.....
Dean, Llewellyn, *Washington, D. C*	.....	1
Dorrance, Samuel R	2	.....
Dunster, Samuel, *Greenville, N. Y*	1	.....
Dyer, Elisha	.....	2
Enoch Pratt Free Library, *Baltimore*	.....	1
Ernst, Charles W., *Boston*	.....	1
Field, B. Rush, *Easton, Penn*	1	.....
FitzGerald, Desmond, *Boston*	.....	1
Folsom, Albert A., *Boston*	.....	1
Foster, Joseph	1	.....
Fretwell, John	.....	1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York*	.....	1
Goddard, Francis W	.....	1
Gorman, Charles E	2	.....
Green, Arnold	.....	2
Green, Samuel A., *Boston*	2	1
Halliwell-Phillips, J. O., *Hollingbury Copse, Brighton, Eng*	4	2
Hartford Library	.....	5
Harvard University	.....	1
Helleberg, C. G., *Cincinnati*	1	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
Henry, J. Buchanan, *New York*	1	.....
Hinckley, *Mrs.* Herbert F	1	.....
Hoppin, James M., *New Haven, Conn*	1	1
Horsford, Eben Norton, *Cambridge, Mass*	1	.....
Johnson, Oliver	.....	1
Kendall, Oliver	1	.....
Lawrence Public Library	.....	1
Library Company of Philadelphia	.....	3
Macfie, R. A., *Dreghorn, Colinton, Midlothian, Scotland*	3	.....
Manchester, *England*, Public Free Libraries	.....	1
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor	3	.....
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	.....	3
May, *Miss* Abby W., *Boston*	3	.....
Meigs, William M., *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Mercantile Library, *New York*	.....	3
Mercantile Library *Philadelphia*	.....	1
Mercantile Library, *San Francisco*	.....	1
Newberry Library, *Chicago*	.....	1
Nickerson, Sereno D., *Boston*	.....	3
Noyes, Isaac P., *Washington, D. C*	.....	1
Peabody Institute, *Peabody, Mass*	.....	2
Peck, George B	21	.....
Poland, William C	.....	1
Providence City Auditor	.....	1
" City Messenger	7	1
Providence Franklin Society	1	.....
Providence Public Library	.....	1
Redwood Library, *Newport*	.....	1
Reynold's Library, *Rochester, N. Y*	.....	1
Rhode Island Board of Education	2	.....
" " Board of Health	1	.....
" " Board of State Charities and Corrections	2	1
" " Secretary of State	3	1
Rhode Island Historical Society	.....	1
Rhode Island Hospital	.....	1
Rhode Island Medical Society	.....	1
Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	.....	3
Richards, C. A. L	2	2
Romero, M., *Washington, D. C*	2	.....
Smithsonian Institution	2	.....
Stockwell, George A	.....	2
Sutro, Theodore, *New York*	1	.....
Taunton Public Library	.....	1
Thompson, *Mrs.* Elizabeth, *Stamford, Conn*	1	.....
Ulman, C. J., *New York*	.....	1
United States, Attorney General	.....	4
" " Bureau of Education	11	2
" " Bureau of Ethnology	.....	5
" " Bureau of Labor	1	1
" " Bureau of Navigation	2	.....
" " Bureau of the Mint	10	.....
" " Chief of Engineers	7	.....
" " Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	.....
" " Commission of Agriculture	1	1
" " Commission of Fish and Fisheries	5	.....

	Vols.	Pamph.
United States Comptroller of Currency	2	.....
" " Department of State	28	.....
" " Department of the Interior	.....	23
" " Department of the Treasury	4	.....
" " Geological Survey, 4 maps	2	.....
" " Hydrographic Office, "Pilot Charts"	.....	.....
" " Life Saving Service	1	.....
" " Patent Office, "Official Gazette"	.....	.....
" " Superintendent of Documents	.....	1
University of California	.....	1
University of Rochester	.....	1
Wayland, Francis, *New Haven, Conn*	.....	2
Webb, Samuel H	.....	1
Weeks, Stephen B., *Chapel Hill, N. C*	.....	1
Woodbury, Augustus	5	.. ...
Worcester Public Library	.....	1
Worcester Society of Antiquity	.....	1
Yale University	.....	2

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

REPORTED TO THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1888.

	Share No.
Abbott Josephine L.	703
Aborn Jennie P	377
Adie Alexander F.	517
Aldrich Anna E.	37
Aldrich Edward S.	665
Aldrich Elisha S.	179
Aldrich Henry L.	629
Aldrich Nelson W.	103
Allen Edward S.	346
Allen Philip*	256
Allen Reuben L.	242
Allen Zachariah*	8
Ames John O.	380
Ames Mary T.	171
Andem Emma W.	490
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348
Andrews Frank H.	93
Andrews Stephen D.	183
Andrews Walter P.	630
Angell Grace	697
Angell John W.	287
Angell Mary M.	195
Angell Walter F.	638
Anthony Gardner Chace	486
Anthony Henry*	44
Anthony John B.	146
Anthony Nellie M.	323
Anthony Walter E.	156
Aplin Charles	453
Armington Asa W.*	289
Armington James H.	331
Armington Pardon	254
Arnold Christopher B.*	316
Arnold Frank S.	690
Arnold Frederick W.	76
Arnold John N.	223
Arnold Newton D.	244
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)*	34
Arnold Stephen H.	556
Austin John O.	60
Austin Samuel	2
Aylesworth Hiram B.	702
Babcock Albert	143
Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Bailey Richard Arnold	650
Bailey William M.	165
Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Bailey William Whitman	631
Baker Edwin	141
Baker George P., Jr.	468
Baker Nathan H.	412
Balch Abigail Pope	469
Balch Mary Howard	644
Ballou William H.	106
Barker Frederick A.	520
Barrett William	635
Barstow Amos C.	97
Barstow Elizabeth T.	310
Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Bartlett John R.*	279
Bartlett Thomas E.	378
Bassett Edward D.	332
Bassett Henry	338
Bates Isaac C.	687
Beckwith Abby G.	617
Beckwith Abby H.	19
Beckwith Amos N.	445
Beckwith Daniel	700
Beckwith Henry T.	269

* Deceased.

	Share No.
Beckwith Jane L.	695
Belden Antoinette P.	392
Bellamy William	290
Benedict Maria M.	301
Beneficent Congregation Soc.	343
Bennett Charles E.	584
Berry Cora I.	678
Binney William	558
Bishop Nancy K.	641
Blake Charles	530
Blake Eli W.	647
Blake Henry A.	562
Blanding William B.	40
Blodget Samuel C., Jr.	114
Blodgett John T.	314
Bongartz Susan J. H.	569
Bonner Robert	666
Boon Annie E.	594
Bourn Robert C.	404
Bowen Amos M.	308
Bowen Eliza R.	596
Bowen Henry	198
Bowen Herbert A.	10
Bowen Holder Borden	640
Bowen Louisa H.	130
Boyer Ella H.	674
Bradford Moses B. L.	65
Bradley Charles	461
Bradley Charles S.*	303
Brayton Clara	63
Bridge A. Alice	169
Bridgham Joseph	250
Briggs Charles	684
Briggs Jeremiah	456
Brown Adeline	245
Brown Allen*	692
Brown Anne C. A.	6
Brown D. Russell	533
Brown Edward W.*	532
Brown Grenville R.	590
Brown Henry T.	510
Brown John Carter, estate	77
Brown Moses*	1
Brown Samuel W.	166
Brown Thomas	212
Brown Walter F.	85
Brown William Whipple	205
Browne Mary L.	585
Brownell Edward R.	288
Brownell Francis S.	160
Brownell Henrietta	410
Bucklin Katharine A.	601
Buffum Harriet	603
Bugbee James H.	570
Bull S. Thacher	134

	Share No.
Bullock Julia	502
Burbank Robert W.	237
Burges Walter S.	78
Burgess Edwin A.	682
Burnham George H.	163
Burnham George W.	167
Burrough Martha H.	367
Burroughs George H.	426
Bush Edwin A.	390
Bush Elodie	455
Butler Cyrus*	7
Butts Esther T.	611
Butts Frank*	397
Butts George W., Jr.	597
Cady Shubael H.*	536
Calder Albert L.	274
Caldwell Samuel L.	340
Campbell Daniel G.	683
Capron Elizabeth C.	225
Carlile Elizabeth	441
Carpenter Francis W.	79
Carpenter George M.	344
Caswell Edward T.*	184
Catlin Charles A.	354
Central Baptist Society	307
Central Congregational Society	49
Chace Amanda M.	531
Chace Anna Harvey	443
Chace Arnold Buffum	669
Chace George I.*	224
Chace Henry R.	398
Chace Lewis J.	527
Chafee Zechariah, Jr.	555
Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Chapin Anna B.	206
Chapin Cornelia S.	653
Chapin George W.	337
Chapin Virginia Kensett	423
Chapman Avis W.	408
Chapman Robert B.	124
Chase Charles F.	324
Chase William Sheafe	90
Cheney Edward C.	202
Child Edward F.	679
Childs Charles H.*	208
Claflin George L.*	482
Clark George H.	428
Clark Henry C.	439
Clark Sarah E.	214
Clark Thomas M.	411
Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Clarke John H.*	313
Coates James	686
Coe Marcy W.	14

	Share No.
Coggeshall James H.	450
Cole Joseph C. W.	210
Coleman Stephen R.	393
Collins George L.	526
Conboy Henry F.	26
Congdon George W.	257
Congdon Henry R.*	514
Congdon Johns H.	72
Congdon Sarah W.	592
Cook Caleb C.*	352
Corliss George H.*	360
Corliss William	622
Cornell James	425
Cowing Grace A. L.	30
Cowles Edward L.	95
Crandell Kate L.	170
Cranshaw John T.	216
Cranston Francis A.	131
Cranston Henry A.	102
Cranston Henry C.	548
Creighton J. Hamilton	281
Crooker Josiah W.	605
Cross James M.*	561
Cross James Madison	139
Cross William J.*	29
Crowell James L.	344
Curtis Dora Evelyn	110
Cutler Edward H.	153
Daily Charlotte F.	209
Daniels Marius S.	75
Danielson George W.*	152
Danielson John W.	661
Dart William H.*	128
Davis Edmund*	620
Davis James S.	351
Davis Jeffrey	318
Davis Richard Greene	67
Davis Thomas	173
Dawley Florence French	586
Day Albert Clifford	203
Day Daniel	53
Dearth William G.*	117
Deming Richard H.	705
DeMunn Sarah	447
DeWolf J. Halsey	229
Dexter Abby S.	554
Dexter Christopher	593
Dexter Lewis	371
Diman J. Lewis*	194
Dorrance Charles T.	673
Dorrance James R.	395
Dorrance Sam'l R., 2 shares,	92, 670
Downes Lewis T.	448
Doyle Sarah E.	305

	Share No.
Duncan Alexander	12
Duncan David*	261
Dunnell Mary	235
Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Dunnell William Wanton	336
Durfee Charles S.	13
Durfee Edgar G.	358
Durfee Emily E.	496
Durfee Thomas	628
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman*	273
Dyer Elisha	159
Dyer John	21
Eames Benjamin T.	107
Earle George B.*	573
Earle William*	474
Eaton Amasa M.	470
Eddy James*	475
Eddy Mary E.	311
Eddy Walter U.	50
Edwards Stephen O.	297
Eiswald Lucy A.	676
Ely Joseph C.	545
Ely William	325
Ely William D.	58
Esten Rhoda A.	48
Evans Bailey W.	508
Everett Richmond P.	559
Fairbrother Henry L.*	643
Fanning Joseph H.	495
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Farnum Alexander*	228
Farnum Susan G.	45
First Baptist Church	405
First Baptist Soc. (Pawtucket)	580
First Universalist Soc. of Prov.	566
Fisher Addison Q.	544
Fisher Virgil	528
Fiske George McClellan	675
FitzGerald Ormond E.	565
Fletcher Henry	368
Flint Susan A.	648
Fourth Baptist Church	538
Francis Alice	567
Friendship Street Baptist Ch.	539
Fuller William O.	560
Gammell Asa Messer	564
Gammell William	286
Gardiner Edwin R.	193
Gardner Henry W.*	20
Gardner John A.*	424
Garvin L. F. C.	651
George Charles H.	706

	Share No.
Gladding Frank	280
Gladding Mary T.	349
Glauner Mathilde K.	467
Glezen Edward K.	407
Goddard Elizabeth Amory	655
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares,	234, 406
Goldsmith William B.*	710
Goodwin Daniel	315
Goodwin William P.	582
Gorham John	427
Gorman Charles E.	142
Gower George Lewis	627
Granger Daniel L. D.	264
Grant Alexander	267
Green Arnold	649
Green Cornelia E.	429
Greene Anna L.	298
Greene Charles A.	164
Greene Edward A.	213
Greene Edward P.	25
Greene Ella A.	372
Greene Richard W.	73
Greene William Albert*	187
Greer David A.	698
Gregory Harry	646
Grinnell Mary	291
Grosvenor William*	108
Groton William M.	322
Guilbert Jean E.	550
Gurney P. Eugene*	623
Hale Isaac	382
Hale Wendell Phillips	688
Hall Clifton A.	391
Hall Emily A.	82
Ham Eunice G.	437
Ham James S.*	341
Hamlin Mary Anna B.	178
Hamlin Richard E.*	477
Harkness Albert	357
Harkness Thomas	33
Harris Adeline T.	457
Harris Cyrus*	221
Harris Emma G.	680
Harris Henry H.	259
Harris Thomas	353
Hart Charles	553
Hartshorn Charles P.*	38
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Hartshorn Isaac*	191
Hasbrouck Sayer	144
Haskins Adeline G.	91
Hawes Amos B.	207
Hayward Lyman	600

	Share No.
Hayward Thomas W.	563
Hayward Walter	696
Hazard Edward H	583
Hazard Mary	529
Hazard Rowland	615
Henshaw Rebecca P.	619
Hidden Henry A.	137
Hinckley Frederick A.	37
Hinckley Herbert F.	511
Hoard Cora B.	282
Hogg Walter S.	162
Holbrook Albert	451
Hope St. Meth. Episcopal Ch.	361
Hopkins Sarah F.	127
Hoppin Eliza H.	414
Hoppin George H.*	430
Hoppin Sarah D.	219
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Hoppin William W.	283
Horton William D.	265
Hoskins Charles C.	294
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Howard Edith L.	112
Howard Ezra W.*	47
Howard Hiram	708
Howland John A.	192
Hoyt David W., 2 shares,	515, 581
Humphreys Rebecca C.	636
Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hunt George	364
Huston William	618
Hutchins Sterns	175
Irons Charles F.	402
Ives Robert H.*	4
Jackson John T.	120
Jackson William F. B.	41
Jastram Pardon S.	342
Jenckes Elias M.	399
Jenckes John	345
Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Jenkins Moses Brown	5
Jenks Stephen A.	83
Johnson William S.*	329
Jollie Edward	86
Jones Augustine, 2 shares,	373, 699
Jones John D.*	472
Joslin J. A. D.	464
Keach Mary A.	200
Keith James G.	507
Kelley Ebenezer*	190
Kendall Jane W.	88
Kendall Lydia K.	712

	Share No.
Kendall Oliver	505
Kilton John B.*	148
King Charles G.*	685
King William J.*	571
Klapp Lyman	541
Knight Abby W. M.*	418
Knight Benjamin B.	129
Knight Catherine A.	89
Knight Henry P.*	233
Knight Robert	616
Knight Webster	660
Knowles Abby F.	488
Knowles Joseph*	268
Knowles Joseph B.	512
Knowles Mary H.	71
Knowles Stephen M.	154
Lamb Augustus F.	667
Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Lapham Oscar	196
Lapham Simon S.	607
Larcher John*	39
Larned Samuel	306
Lennon John F.	125
Lewis John D.	55
Lincoln John L.	119
Lippitt Charles Warren	709
Lippitt Henry	68
Lockwood Amelia DeF.	693
Lonsdale John F.	602
Lothrop Henry W.	140
Luther Leila K.	716
Lyon Caroline F.	591
Lyon Emory	662
Lyon Mary W.	549
McGregor Eben	444
McGuinness Edwin D.	232
McIlvaine J. Hall	503
Mackinney Herbert G.	204
Manchester Emma L.	478
Manton Louisa*	551
Manton Robert G.	634
Martin Sylvester G.	419
Mason Amey W.	222
Mason Arthur Livingston	366
Mason Charles F.	266
Mason Earl P.*	258
Mason Earl Philip	161
Mason John H.	713
Mason Martha A. W.	285
Massie John G.	506
Mathewson Parley M.	116
Mathewson Rollin	255
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Ch.	36

	Share No.
Matteson Ella J.	409
Matteson George W. R.	568
Mauran Eliza	330
Mauran Mary W. D.	416
Mauran William A.	132
Merriman Charles H.	537
Metcalf Almira T.	262
Metcalf Celinda	253
Metcalf Esther P.	218
Metcalf George, Jr.	672
Metcalf Joel	70
Metcalf John	642
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69
Miles Amanda*	118
Miller Horace G	632
Miller William B. M.	523
Millett Thomas A.	396
Miner Susan	663
Ministry-at-Large	491
Mitchel Thomas L.	452
Morse Alpheus C.	588
Mowry Martha H.	104
Mowry Scott W.	300
Mumford Alice D.	226
Murray Robert, Jr.	379
Newcomb Mary L.	681
Nichols Isabelle B. S.	504
Nickerson Edward L	480
Nightingale Anna E.	17
Nightingale George C.	113
Nightingale George C., Jr.	296
Nightingale Louisa C. A.	299
Nightingale Susan E.*	493
Nisbet William D.	31
Noyes George C.	295
Noyes Samuel M.*	546
Oldfield John,* 2 shares,	174, 292
Olmstead Ellen E.	339
Olney Frank F.	186
Ordway Aaron L.	334
Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Ormsbee John H.	251
Ormsbee John S.	347
Owen Ezekiel	54
Owen George	401
Owen George, Jr.	501
Owen Mary C.	645
Owen Smith	389
Pabodie B. Frank	57
Pabodie Charles A.	96
Packard Alpheus Spring	715
Packard Mary S.	609

	Share No.
Padelford Seth,* 2 shares,	111, 487
Paige Henry	362
Paine Amasa	115
Paine Charles E.	147
Paine Daniel*	328
Paine George T.	350
Palmer John B.*	500
Parish J. S.	312
Park William H.	363
Parker Thomas K.	333
Parkhurst C. Frank	155
Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Parsons Charles W.	35
Parsons Henry L.	263
Patterson George Herbert	626
Payne Abraham*	497
Pearce Edward*	185
Pearce Edward, 2 shares,	421, 608
Pearce Edward D.*	321
Pearson Luther*	23
Peck Allen M.	18
Peck Allen O.*	211
Peck George B*	376
Peck Walter A.	126
Peckham Edward L.	481
Peckham Fenner H., Jr.	24
Peckham Samuel W.	135
Peckham Susan	319
Peckham Thomas*	22
Pegram John C.	704
Peirce John	413
Perry Amos	458
Perry Marsden J.	598
Phillips George R.	579
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By-Laws.

RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS.

Article 1. Stockholders and their immediate families shall have a right to the privileges of the Athenæum. A stockholder may transfer the use of his share to another person, for any time not less than three months, and said transfer shall be made in writing and recorded.

Art. 2. Each stockholder may introduce strangers from abroad, who shall be entitled to the free use of the Athenæum (except the right to take out books) for the term of one month thereafter, upon recording their names in a book to be kept for that purpose, together with the name of the person by whom introduced, who shall be responsible for their observance of the by-laws and regulations of the institution.

Art. 3. No stockholder, nor persons claiming under him, shall be allowed any of the rights or privileges of the institution, so long as he is subjected to any penalty incurred, or neglects or refuses to pay the fines standing against him, after being notified thereof.

Art. 4. If any assessment, made agreeably to the constitution, remain unpaid for thirty days after the delinquent stockholder, or his legal representative, shall have been duly notified by the Treasurer of the existence of the same against him, the Board may direct such delinquent's share to be disposed of by public sale, and if the proceeds of the sale exceed the amount due to the institution, the surplus shall be paid over to said delinquent, and a new certificate, signed by the President and Secretary, shall be issued, conveying to the purchaser as full and perfect a title to the share sold, as was originally possessed by the former owner thereof.

ART. 5. No transfer of a share shall be valid, unless the stock holder transferring, satisfy the Secretary that there is no penalty in force against him, and present written evidence from the Treasurer and Librarian that there exist no claims against said stockholder, and unless a record of such transfer be made by the Secretary, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

ART. 6. The Board may exercise their discretion in the enforcement or non-enforcement of the By-Laws and Regulations, whenever in their opinion the circumstances of any particular case may require, reporting every such case to the next Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY, READING ROOM, AND OTHER ROOMS.

ARTICLE 1. The Library shall be kept open on such days, and at such hours, as the Board may direct.

ART. 2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the words "Providence Athenæum," and if donations to the institution, shall, unless otherwise requested, be inscribed with the names of the donors in such manner as the Board may direct.

ART. 3. Every shareholder of or annual subscriber to the Athenæum shall be allowed to take out four volumes at a time, of which two shall not have been added to the Library within one year past, and may retain the same two weeks, and every person shall be subjected to a fine of two cents per day for every volume retained beyond the above specified period.

ART. 4. Every book shall be returned in good order, regard being had to the reasonable wear thereof. If any book shall be lost or injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall replace it by a new volume, or set, if it belong to a set, or pay the value thereof, as determined by the Library Committee, and thereupon the remainder of the set, if it belonged to one, shall be delivered to the person paying therefor.

ART. 5. No book shall be delivered to any one excepting a stockholder, or one of the immediate family of a stockholder, or upon the

written order of a stockholder, except in such cases as are designated in article eighth.

ART. 7. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves whenever he may deem such removal improper.

ART. 9. The Library Committee shall from time to time specify what works, on account of their rarity or value, shall not be taken from the Athenæum, except by their permission. No periodical or pamphlet shall be taken from the Athenæum, except by permission of the Library Committee, until the same shall be bound in a volume.

ART. 10. The Library Committee may, on special occasions, at their discretion, and also for purposes connected with objects of public utility, or, in order to facilitate any public inquiry or investigation, authorize individuals, not connected with the institution, to make use of the Athenæum, under such terms, restrictions and regulations as they may deem it advisable to impose.

ART. 11. Any person taking a book or periodical from the Athenæum, contrary to the regulations, shall be liable to forfeit his right to the privileges of the Athenæum for one year, and if any individual shall wilfully mutilate or deface any book, or other property of the Athenæum, he shall be subject to such forfeiture of his rights or privileges in the institution as the Board shall direct.

ART. 12. Examination of the Library of this institution shall be made at such times at least once a year in pursuance of such methods and by such agent or agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time in their discretion direct and appoint, and such person or persons so examining shall make report in writing to said Board of the condition of said Library for approval by said Board, or such further examination or action as they may deem best. Such power of examination may, if the exigencies seem to require, authorize the Board in their discretion to call in the books of the Library, and close the rooms for such examination, and any person neglecting to conform to the call at the time specified shall be liable to such penalty, not exceeding one dollar, as the Board may impose.

ART. 13. The Librarian, with his Assistants, shall be appointed by the Board, with such compensation as the Board may determine. It shall be his duty to maintain the strictest order and decorum in the

Athenæum Rooms, and to enforce an exact observance of the regulations pertaining thereto; to deliver books to those entitled to them, to examine each book on its return to the Library, before it is permitted to be taken out again, or is replaced on the shelves, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any injury has been done to the same, and if any, who did it, or is responsible therefor, and to turn up all leaves that have been turned down, and to place in their proper posiion all maps or plates that may have been wrongly folded, to preserve in proper order all books, pamphlets, charts, &c., before permitting them to be used; and, under the direction of the Board, to make a full and accurate catalogue of the same, alphabetically classified in the several departments of literature and science to which they respectively belong; to record in a book kept for the purpose, all donations to the institution, keep a regular account of all fines incurred, and collect and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and report to the Board, at each monthly meeting, all donations and communications received by him since the last preceding meeting, and all violations of the regulations of his department. He shall, moreover, perform such other duties pertaining to his office, as the Corporation or Board may from time to time prescribe.

Art. 14. For their better preservation, the Librarian shall (until the Board otherwise direct) cover the books with thick paper, previously to their being taken from the Athenæum, and shall require that they be returned in like order.

Art. 15. Any book taken out by one stockholder, shall first be returned to the Library before it can be taken out by another stockholder; and when so returned, it shall be delivered to the first one who shall afterwards apply for the same, and no book shall be reserved or promised by the Librarian, in any case whatever.

Art. 16. Books, pamphlets, or other articles, not the property of the Corporation, may be deposited in the Athenæum, under the regulations of the Board; and all deposits shall be at the risk of the owners.

Art. 17. Every person shall be held responsible for any book charged to him on the Librarian's book, unless he see the entry erased, or the word *returned* written against it, on his returning it to the Librarian.

ART. 18. All books shall remain one week on a table in the Reading-Room, after being purchased or presented.

ART. 19. No periodical, pamphlet, or book of reference, which may be placed on the tables in the Reading-Room, shall be taken from said room.

ART. 20. No loud conversation shall be permitted in any of the rooms of the Athenæum; and any conduct, any way inconsistent with the purposes to which they are appropriated, shall subject the offender, at the discretion of the Board, to a deprivation of any or of all the privileges of the institution. The Board may, however, should they deem such an arrangement desirable, designate some one of the rooms of the Athenæum, which may be used as a room for conversation.

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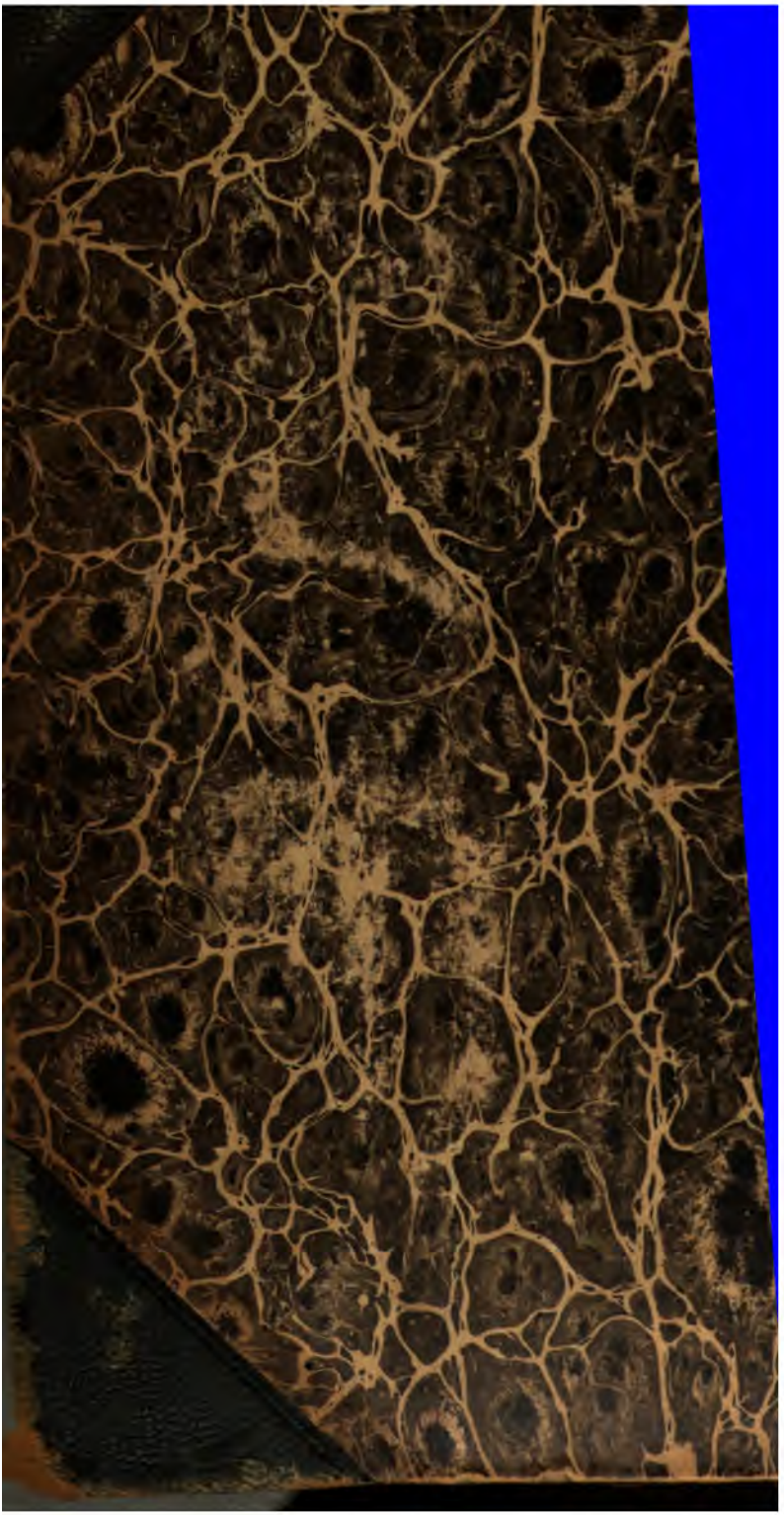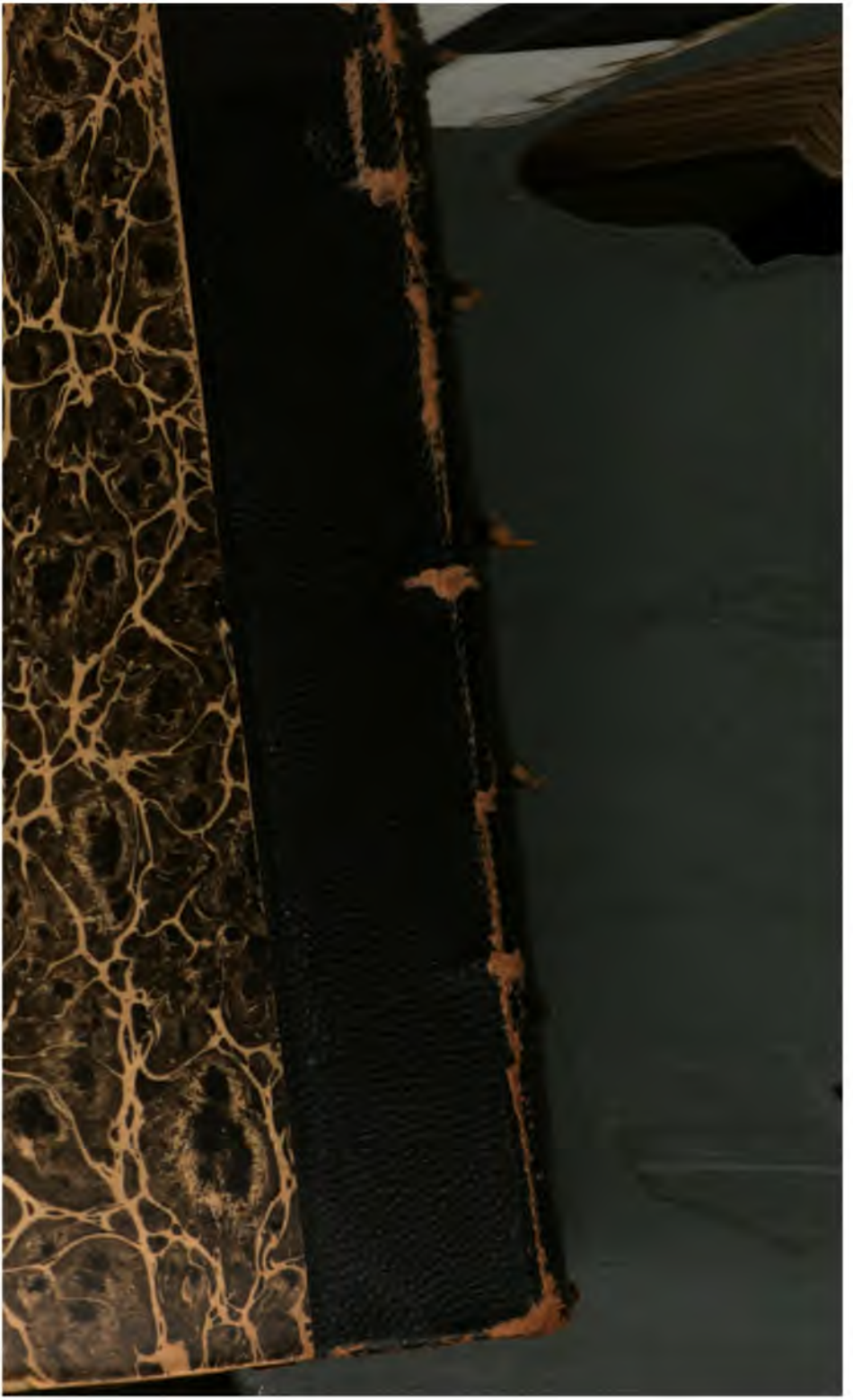
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